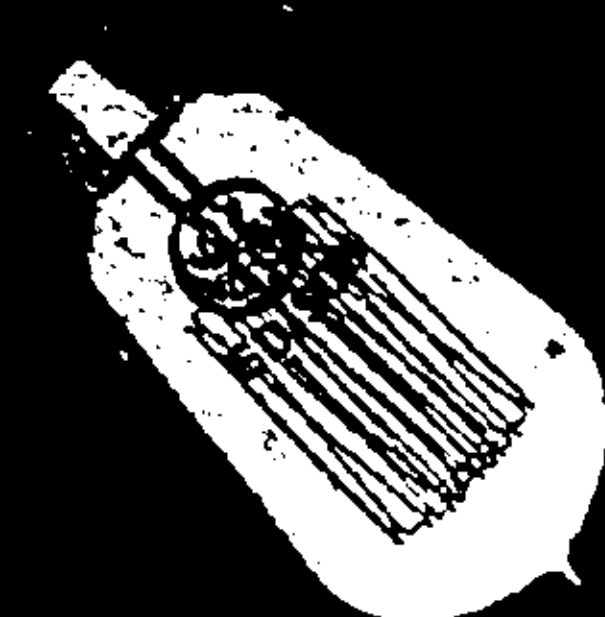


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## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### PEACE FOR THE WORLD.

#### CHRISTIANITY THE SURE FOUNDATION.

London, January 1.

New Year's messages from the Premiers of the British Commonwealth of Nations have been issued over the signatures of Mr. Lloyd George, Sir Robert Borden, Mr. W. M. Hughes, General Botha, Mr. Massey and Mr. Squires (Newfoundland).

The Messages, which are addressed to "Fellow-citizens of the British Empire," emphasise that in a recognition of the Fatherhood of God and His Divine purpose for the world, which is the central message of Christianity, will be discovered the ultimate foundation for the reconstruction of an ordered and harmonious life for all men. That recognition could only come as an act of free consent on the part of individual men everywhere, the message appeals to men of goodwill to consider the eternal validity of the truth of those spiritual forces which are the one hope for a permanent foundation world peace.

### THE IRISH TROUBLES.

#### VERDICT IN VICEREGAL LODGE AFFAIR.

London, December 29.

Particular interest centred round the inquest at Dublin on Lieutenant Boast, in consequence of the hitherto confused accounts of the affair.

A verdict was returned that Lieutenant Boast was accidentally killed by a shot fired by one of his own party, and that Kennedy was killed on his way home by a Military patrol. Kennedy was a civilian.

Three of the arrested civilians have been released.

London, December 30.

Conflicting evidence was given in the Dublin inquest by the soldiers concerned in the shooting affair, one asserting that Kennedy shot Lieutenant Boast when arrested. Two others state that Lieutenant Boast was killed by civilians, who disappeared.

It was admitted that no revolver was found on Kennedy and it transpired that Kennedy was not killed outright, but was despatched whilst crawling away. The jury concluded that Lieutenant Boast was killed by his own men because fragments of the bullets found on his body are declared to be part of a service cartridge. The jury submitted a rider that the patrol acted in a most heartless manner in the case of Kennedy and sympathised with his relatives.

### INDIAN FRONTIER TROUBLES.

#### TROUBLENT MAHSUDS ACCEPT BRITISH TERMS.

London, December 29.

Reuter's Agency learns that the Mahsuds have formally accepted the British terms, which include an unopposed march through their country, and the continuance there of the British troops until the fines and rifles have been paid in. The only important section now in opposition is the Wana Waziris.

### GERMANY AND THE FAR EAST.

#### NEW N.Y.K. SERVICE.

London, December 29.

A new service between Rotterdam, Hamburg and the Far East being established by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. It will be opened by the new 10,000 tonner Delagoa Maru, which will be followed by Darban Maru and the Tatsuno Maru.

### MORE FRENCH BONDS.

#### ISSUED AT FIVE PER CENT.

Paris, December 30.

The Chamber has adopted by 491 votes to 61 the Loan Bill, which will be issued in the form of five per cent. Bonds, redeemable 60 years, by half-yearly drawings. The bonds drawn will be reimbursed at 150 francs per 100 francs of the capital.

The Minister of Finance said the total revenue in 1919 would amount to over eleven milliards of francs, and he estimated the increase in the tax-payers' burden at 75 per cent.

### FRENCH AERIAL ENTERPRISE.

#### PROPOSED TRANS-ATLANTIC SERVICE.

Paris, December 30.

A French aeroplane in April or May is attempting a flight from Dakar to Pernambuco, a special-machine having been constructed capable of a non-stop flight of 3,000 miles, with a view to establishing a Trans-Atlantic service.

### THE FRENCH-ARABIAN INCIDENT.

Paris, December 30.

With reference to the Baalbek affair, a message has been received from Beirut which says that the French officer, with the object of a hostile demonstration against Baalbek, left the town and returned with a detachment, which fired on one soldier, who was wounded. The town is now quiet.

### THE MARSEILLES RAILWAY FIRE.

Paris, December 29.

It appears that the report of the burning down of the Railway station at Marseilles refers to the small Vieuxport station, and not the main railway station.

### RUSSIA AND POLAND ON GOOD TERMS.

Copenhagen, December 29.

The Russian Soviet Government has offered the Polish Government simultaneously denying that the Soviet is preparing an attack against Poland.

### CHINA PEACE MISSION RETURNING.

Marseilles, December 30.

## LATEST SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

### THE SHANGHAI OPIUM SCANDAL.

Shanghai, January 1.

Constable Allen has been remanded until Monday at the British Court. The Chinese was remanded for a week at the Mixed Court.

### CHINESE REAFFIRM THE BOYCOTT.

Shanghai, January 1.

A New Year mass meeting was held by the Chinese, reaffirming the boycott.

### GENERAL KNOX IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, January 1.

General Knox is here from Vladivostok.

## EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

### STRAITS RICE SUPPLY.

Singapore, December 31.

In a few days a number of rice depots will be opened where there will be no difficulty in procuring supplies. It will be conducted by wealthy Chinese under Government supervision. The emergency measure of individual rationing, tried for a fortnight, by issuing one dollar coupons for 8 katis each, was found unworkable and was abolished on 23rd. inst.

### WASHERMEN'S STRIKE AT SINGAPORE.

Singapore, December 31.

The Chinese washermen are out on strike, but the movement is not general. In some cases the men have already returned.

### STRAITS FOOTBALL.

Singapore, December 31.

A team from H. M. S. Hawkins beat the Cricket Club yesterday by two goals at football.

## TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

### ABOLISHING SYCEE SYSTEM.

Shanghai, January 1.

The Government has decided to follow the British Minister's advice to adopt the dollar standard throughout the country, by abolishing the sycee silver system and establishing a Government mint in Shanghai.

### THE FOOCHOW INCIDENT.

Shanghai, January 1.

The Japanese Minister has made a demand on the Foreign Ministry that no information in regard to the investigation of the Foochow incident should be allowed to leak out before the conference.

### THE EX-PRESIDENT'S DEATH.

Shanghai, January 1.

On receiving information from the Foreign Ministry of the death of Fung Kuo-chung, the aged of all the Legations in Peking.

## NEW YEAR CRICKET.

### HONGKONG CLUB v. THE NAVY.

On New Year's Day the Navy met the Hongkong Club on the Cricket Club ground in a two-innings match. The Navy went in first at 11.8 a.m. The scoring was feeble at the commencement until the fall of the fourth wicket. The board read as follows: 1 for 9, 2 for 48, 3 for 63, 4 for 87, 5 for 124, 6 for 156, 7 for 252, 9 for 252 and 10 for 257. Franks batted consistently well, his 58 comprising nine fours, while Surgeon Commander Hall also showed much grit, carrying the score from 87 to 124. His 55 included ten fours.

The Club opened in rather promising manner, Mitchell making 68 and Claxton 62, though it was disappointing that Pearce was bowled before scoring. Mitchell's total included nine fours, whilst Claxton had six and nine boundaries in his credit. Hancock was out with a score of 72, the first day's play ended, the total then reading 218 for five wickets. The scores at noon to-day were: NAVY—1ST INNINGS.

Rev. F.G.B. Hastings, run out, 17  
Mr. Kennett, c. and b. Brand, 9  
Surgeon Comm. Hall, c. and b. Brand, 55

Day  
Lt. Com. Greig, c. Wood, b. Brand, 35  
Mr. Brand, b. Day, 3  
Pay. Lt. Com. Holborn, c. Blaker, 2  
Pay. Lt. Robinson, c. Blaker, 2  
b. Lammert, 29  
Lt. Franks, b. Day, 58  
Lt. McNair, b. Day, 44  
Lt. Dolphin, b. Lammert, 12  
Lt. Dicken, run out, 1  
C. E. R. A. Bryant, not out, 22  
Extras, 22

Total 257  
Bowling. O. M. R. W.  
D. E. Donnelly, 16 0 65 0  
R. A. Brand, 11 2 38 2  
E. W. Day, 13 4 0 81 4  
E. G. Lammert, 10 1 42 2  
T. E. Pearce, 1 0 9 0

"H.K.C.C.—FIRST INNINGS.  
E. J. R. Mitchell, lb.w., b. Bryant, 68  
A. E. Wood, c. Greig, b. Hastings, 11  
T. E. Pearce, b. Kennett, 0  
A. A. Claxton, lb.w., b. Bryant, 62  
H. R. B. Hancock, not out, 151  
E. W. Day, c. Franks, b. Hastings, 5  
R. A. Brand, c. Robinson, b. Bryant, 45  
C. Blaker, c. Franks, b. Hastings, 0  
(Innings incomplete.)

## DAY BY DAY.

It is rumoured that Admiral Lord Jellicoe, now on an Empire tour, will shortly visit Hongkong.

The following additional firms have been granted licences to trade under the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry Ordinance, 1919, Ordinance No. 1 of 1919:—W. R. Loxley & Co., the Eastern Tungsten Co., Ltd., the Union Trading Co., Fung, Manter & Co., Carvalho & Co., Tong Seng & Co., Thoresen & Co., Dodwell & Co., Ltd., the Hongkong Mercantile Co., Ltd., and J. Osawa & Co.

To-morrow evening, at 8.30 p.m., a grand New Year concert will be given at the Seamen's Institute under the kind direction of Mrs. C.H.P. Hay. All seamen, both of the Royal Navy and of the Merchant Service, soldiers, sailors and friends, are heartily invited. There is no charge for admission. As is usual, after concert, the Institute motor-lunch "Day-spring" will convey back to their ships any officers and men who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity for a good evening's enjoyment.

The chilly north wind was blowing. It lifted a jacket which a woman had hung out to dry and came as a blessing to a certain Chinese wayfarer, who himself was feeling the cold bite of the wind. The jacket dropped at his feet, so what was more natural than that he should pick it up and wrap it round his almost bare shoulders? He was almost bare-headed, and he was a wayfarer, that the owner of the precious article, espied her loss and the cause of it. A constable was near at hand, and he arrested the thief and had him sentenced at the Police Court this morning to one month's hard labour.

## DON'T FORGET.

### TO-DAY.

Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

### TO-MORROW.

Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6.

St. George's Ball at Theatre Royal.

## TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar for demand, to-day was 4s. 10 1/2d.

## POLICE AT PLAY.

### SPORTS AND CHILDREN'S XMAS TREE.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent yesterday by the members of the Hongkong Police Force and their families, on the ground of the Police Recreation Club, where the annual Christmas Tree and entertainment were provided. The occasion was marked by the holding of sports and games, which were arranged so that everyone could participate, irrespective of age and sex. A football match between the members of the League team versus the "Shiffs," refereed by Inspector Kent, was indulged in. Incidentally, a great deal of fun was provided, which arose from the fact that the ball used was a Rugby one. The game, which was played in the adjacent ground of the Hongkong Football Club, lasted for forty minutes and resulted in a draw of two goals each. There were races for the boys and girls as well as for the men, while a coconut shie was specially reserved for the ladies. An egg and spoon race was also participated in by the latter. The athletic prowess of married men was again demonstrated in the tug-of-war, in which the single men were easily overpowered. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. E. D. G. Wolfe, who, at the conclusion of the function, was presented with a bouquet by Inspector Kent.

Great interest was centred by children in the Christmas Tree. The mantle of Father Christmas descended on Mr. Ward (of the Naval Yard) who soon dismantled the tree of all its attractions. To Mr. Ward is due a word of appreciation for the fun which he contributed to the entertainment of the children. The interest of the children never slackened whilst he was on the ground. The arrangements for the function were in the capable hands of Inspector Kent and his colleagues. Keen interest in the proceedings was taken by the Hon. Mr. E.D.C. Wolfe, Mr. P.P. J. Wodehouse and Mr. C. G. Perdue.



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(Telegrams to hand indicate that great difficulties are being experienced in the East.)



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RIGA UNDER THE REDS.

Countess Ludmila O'Brien de Lucy writes to the Times—

On January 1, 1919, the Red troops marched into Riga. The order was given to receive them on the main Alexander Street with flowers and enthusiasm. The order, I suppose, was executed. There is an old Russian saying, "Give a trough and the pigs will appear." The trough was there and the pig rejoiced, no doubt, but on the town there lay a general air of consternation.

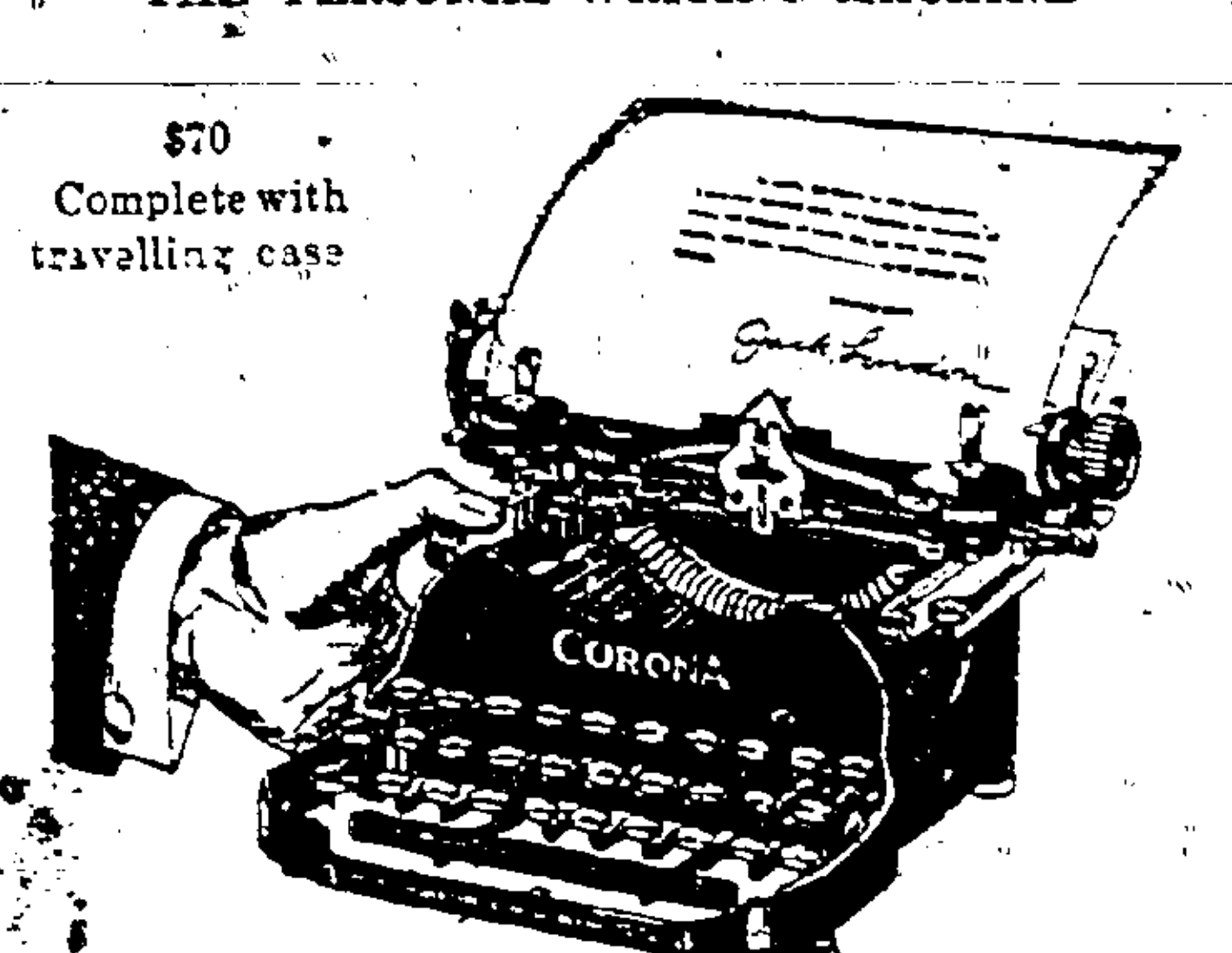
The streets were full of people with bags and baskets storming every kind of foodshop in their endeavour to bring home as much food as possible. Prices rose every hour. Lucky were those who could pay the fantastic sums demanded and lay in a store, because a few days later all shops were "nationalized" and closed, and the markets empty. There was much talk about large Government shops of the future, where every working man and woman for wonderfully low prices could get all the necessities of life and the "bourgeois" nothing. Meanwhile "bourgeois" or no, it was impossible to buy a pin or a potato. If you did buy anything it had to be done in strictest secrecy. Here are some of the prices—A pound of onions 50 roubles, a bottle of milk 8 roubles, a pound of butter 60 roubles, a pound of black cornflour 30 roubles. The peasants had no faith in Soviet money and would sell only for Tsarist roubles. A peasant told me of a rather quaint bargain. He had consented to sell a pig to the Red Guard for Soviet money, on condition that the pig should be entirely enveloped and hidden in sheets made of banknotes. But of course everybody could not pay such prices and the majority of the non-communistic population was literally starving.

I saw a decently dressed gentleman sitting on a bench in a square with an empty basket in his hand, dead from hunger. Such a sight was not uncommon. We fed on unpeeled potatoes and black flour boiled in water, and even that was hard to obtain. There were four categories of bread-cards, which were supposed (leaving the bourgeoisie nearly breadless) to supply the working class with about 1/2 lb. per day. But in reality, except the communists, few ever received the bread due to them according to their cards. To get it one had to stand hours in an endless queue, and it was almost uneatable when you did get it. There were people's kitchens. Queues of several hundreds of shivering, hungry people stood hour after hour in the frost or rain to receive a plate of watery soup for 50 roubles. The streets looked dismal; all the shops were closed, and hungry-looking people, shabbily dressed, hurried along with a haunted look on their thin faces. The only richly dressed women were the "communist" battalions, who walked about with guns, acting partly as a kind of police partly as spies, taking a particularly active and ferocious part in domiciliary visits and arrests. I never saw such malignant low, truly wicked faces as those of these "gallant Red Amazons." Nobody was safe anywhere. To dress a little smarter, to present a little more civilized appearance, a mere smile even, was enough to be arrested or sent to fulfil some dirty work or dig graves for the "anti-Revolutionists" who had been shot. When there was a rumour of the White troops advancing a decree was issued forbidding the bourgeoisie to smile in the street, this being regarded as showing an unseemly joy. One of my pupils, a young student, walking one evening with a lady and smiling as young men generally do in ladies' society, was actually arrested, and only set free in the morning after having given the particular commissary 400 roubles. It was rather an expensive smile.

DECREES AND REQUISITIONS. If we had little bread, we had many decrees. Every morning we woke in horrible anticipation of some new form of "freedom" in store for us. One day there was a decree forbidding anybody to possess more than three chemises or shirts, four towels, three sheets, etc. Constant domiciliary visits by night were the result of this decree. Having found rest in sleep from a day of work hunger, and mostly fruitless, exhausting efforts to get some food, you woke with a start, hearing a fearful banging at your door; opening it, you saw before you several "Red amazons" and "Red

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soldiers." My room was a modest flat. My neighbour was a teacher like myself. The two remaining rooms and the kitchen were occupied by our landlady, her mother, and her four children. They were very poor. Often had I seen these children crying bitterly with hunger. We had none of the attributes of the hateful bourgeois, but it did not help us much—we had the night visits from 2 o'clock in the morning till 9. Every single thing was turned topsy-turvy and when the benefactors of the people "left, having eaten all they could find to eat, and taken away nearly all our clothing, our rooms were a sight. I could not photograph them as my Kodak had long ago been "nationalized." Very rude and rough to begin with, the searchers became more amiable as the night wore on. They made themselves at home in the kitchen, drank our tea with our sugar and made pancakes from flour and fat they had found in the neighbouring flats. They invited us to join the feast, but we declined, saying we had no appetite at night. One of my pupils, a medical student, had some valuable medical books. These were torn to pieces by the zealous searchers under the pretext that anti-revolutionary letters might be hidden between the pages.

Another day we woke to find a decree ordering us to leave our rooms within 12 hours, and forbidding us to take anything away but a small bundle of clothes. All the furniture had to be left. Whole streets were turned out of their lodgings, which were then partly occupied by different "Red" institutions, officials, and commissaries, partly left empty. The best houses were always taken, of course. Passing before one of them I saw pictures, mirrors, china, and other possessions flying out of the window. "Take it," it is the property of the "bourgeois," therefore it is yours," cried an enthusiastic Bolshevik, flinging one thing after another to the passers-by. In another house I saw a Red Guard, a "pride of the revolution," cutting a magnificent antique tapestry to use it as a handkerchief. It is certainly true that most of the Bolshevik leaders are Jews, but in common justice I must say that in my experience I have seen as many arrests and requisitionings taking place among the Jews as among the Christians. Their faith did not seem to protect them from the common lot of the ill-fated "bourgeois." Turned out of your room, you were not allowed to choose a new one yourself. You were obliged to take the abode assigned to you by the "lodging committee." It was never a good one, of course. It was either damp or cold, always very dirty, two or three families sometimes put into one room, sometimes even the immediate neighbourhood of the typhus barracks. I have known families with small children who were forced to change rooms in winter three or four times. You continually met parties of frightened and haggard-looking "bourgeois," dragging themselves from house to house with such small remnants of clothing and household utensils

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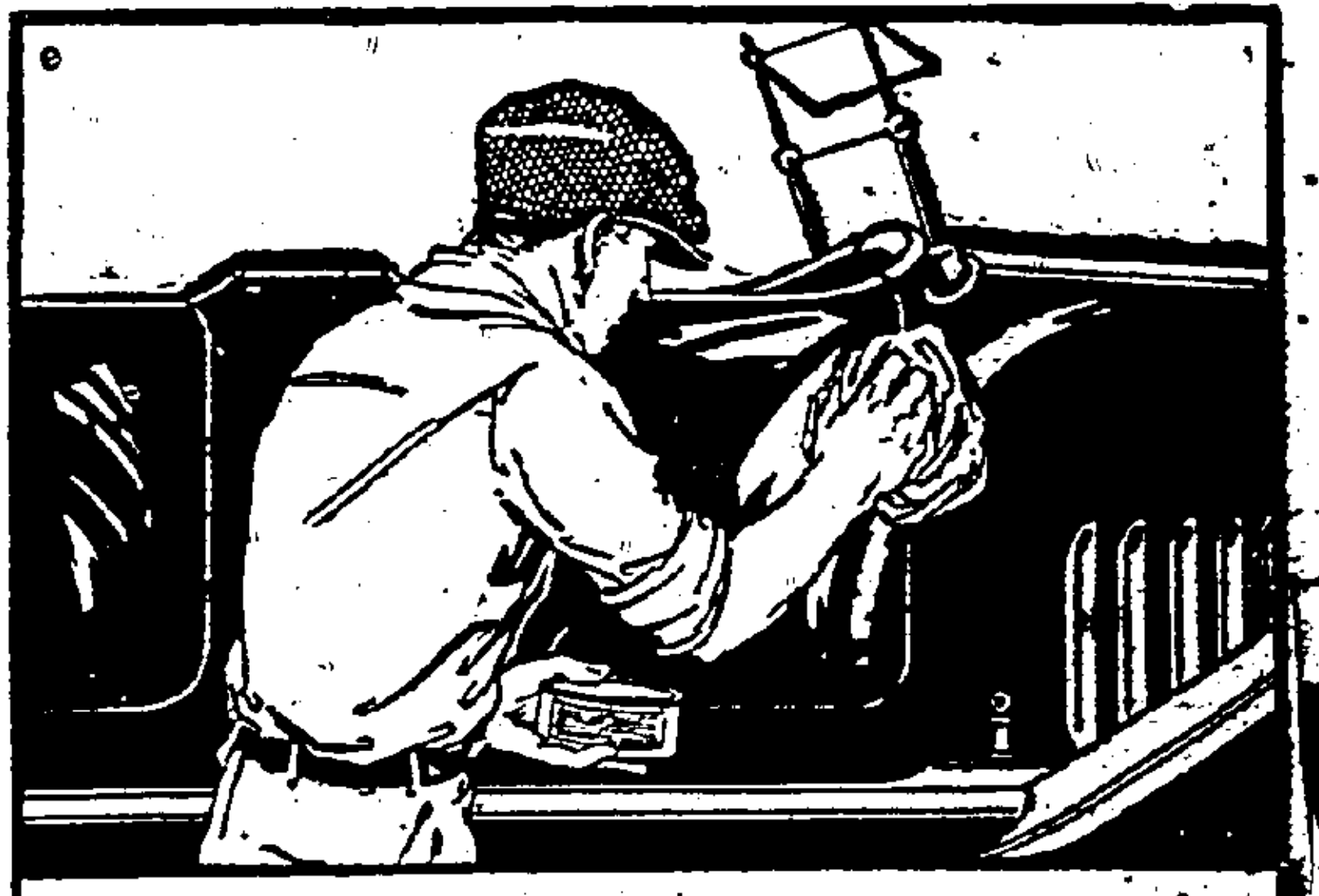
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

AN ENTERPRISING UNDERTAKER.

New York, Dec. 29.

The Federal agents have arrested five men who are alleged to be heads of the organization responsible for the widespread sale of concoctions of wood alcohol in five states. Some deaths and additional cases of alcoholic poisoning were reported from various parts of the country yesterday, but the number is less than that during the last week end. One of the men arrested is an undertaker.

BELGIUM AND FRANCE.

Paris, Dec. 29.

The Belgian Minister to Paris has been instructed to begin negotiations to reach a Franco-Belgian agreement on military questions and also concerning the settlement of the Luxembourg question which is closely interwoven with the Franco-Belgian defensive alliance.—Havas.

FRENCH FINANCE.

Paris, Dec. 29.

The Minister of Finance has asked the Chamber of Deputies to vote on account an amount of 12 milliard francs to provide funds for the first three months of 1920. The Minister intends to make his complete Budget immediately after the reassembling of Parliament in January. He proposes to bring in a bill authorizing the issue of a loan. The Government proposals were adopted by 475 votes to 55.—Havas.

THE SIBERIAN AGREEMENT.

Paris, Dec. 31.

"Le Journal" learns that French official circles have hitherto received no confirmation of the report from Vladivostok announcing the America-Japanese agreement with regard to intervention in Siberia.

THE EX-KAISER'S TRIAL.

Paris, Dec. 29.

A declaration was made in Paris by a high authoritative person that a full agreement exists between the Allies for enforcing the surrender of the ex-Kaiser. The ex-Crown Prince is included among persons whose surrender will be demanded by the French who are charging him with the criminal offences of looting and robbery with violence.—Havas.

INTER-ALLIED COLONIAL EXHIBITION.

Paris, Dec. 29.

The French Senate has decided to organise a big inter-Allied Colonial Exhibition in 1925.—Havas.

HISTORIC BATTLEFIELDS.

Paris, Dec. 29.

M. Poincaré has left Paris to present the Legion d'Honneur to the towns of Bethune, Lens, Arras and Bapaume.—Havas.

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HONORS OF BOLSHEVISM.

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tainment, but more hoping that the student's certificate would protect them from being forced to sweep the streets and from other effects of the "Red freedom." The pupils of the elementary schools, even the very youngest, classes were ordered by the "Schools Soviet" to elect delegates to form "school committees," who could dismiss the teachers if they chose or criticize the way of teaching. The sister of one of my pupils, a child about 12, once returned home earlier than expected. On being questioned, she answered: "Our French teacher was four minutes late. I am the class delegate. I told the class to leave the school. We found it a slight indignity to have to wait." It was a result of a system that there was in the procession of children bearing a banner with the strange words "Down with parents." Travelling in "Red republics" was a painful business. I remember a journey from Kieff to Moscow. Paying for your ticket did not entitle you to any sort of place, everybody being at liberty to squeeze in as best they might. With the help of some of my former patients (I had been a nurse at the front before the Bolshevik Revolution) I squeezed through one of the unglazed windows to the upper berth of what had formerly been a smart sleeping car. Now the stuff covering the seats was cut and stolen away and the horse-hair underneath sticking out. Still I considered myself lucky when I was stretched out on this prickly couch. A throng of Red soldiers sat, lay, and stood about, spitting and smoking foul tobacco and using fouler language. In the middle of the night I heard a man say: "Why is this bourgeois woman lying, while we are sitting? Let us pull her down." He seized me by the feet, but another took my part and I was left in peace for the time being. In the Red republics we knew nothing of what was going on in the world. The Red papers contained, besides numerous decrees, flaring descriptions of the "certain advent of the world revolution" and profuse abuse of "English robbers," "French thieves," and "American frauds," who wanted to put "their murderous and dirty heels on the sparkling crown of the people's liberty." And so forth. One could not help wondering whence the "special correspondents" of these wonderful Red papers took their choice vocabulary.

SCENE AT INQUEST.

FIANCEE'S PROTEST ABOUT AN AEROPLANE TEST.

There were a number of interruptions from the body of the court at the inquest on Lieut. Roger M. Douglas, M.C., and Lieut. J. S. L. Ross, who were killed at Surbiton by their aeroplane nose-diving to earth shortly after starting from Hounslow on a flight to Australia.

Donald Easdale, chief draughtsman to the Alliance Aeroplane Co., said the two officers had been flying the machine which met with disaster for about three weeks and for several hours each day.

James Arthur Peters said he designed the aeroplane, which was in perfect condition before it started. An independent examination was made on behalf of the Air Ministry. The engine had since been found to be in perfect mechanical order.

Miss Mabel Desmond Woolley, who was dressed in black, stated she was the fiancée of Lieut. Douglas, and asked permission to put a question to the experts. This was: "Whether they thought a five minutes' flight from Acton to Hounslow was a sufficient test for an aeroplane before a flight of several thousand miles to Australia was attempted?"

"My boy," she added, "did not fly that machine until he left Acton Aerodrome for Hounslow previous to the flight. It was not ready before."

The coroner said he was only inquiring into the cause of death. Miss Woolley: Then you miss the things that matter.

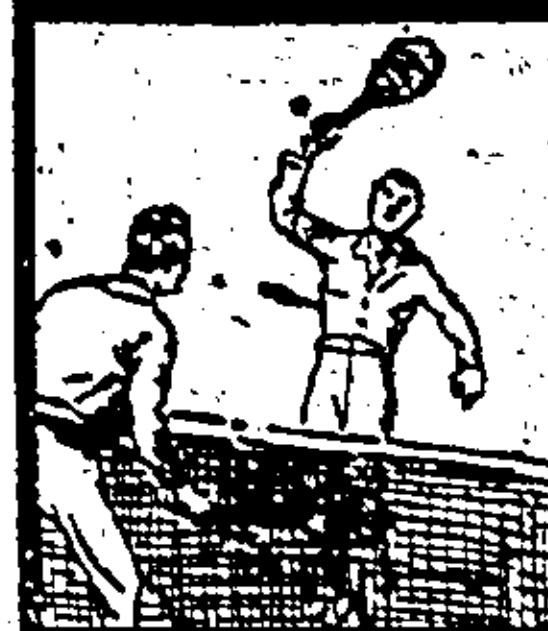
The Coroner: That means I am incompetent or not doing my duty?

Miss Woolley: I think you are not doing your duty.

The Coroner: Very well; you can apply to the Lord Chancellor and say so.

The jury found that death was absolutely accidental and no blame attached to anyone.

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**The Hongkong Telegraph**

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1919.

**THE CURSE OF EXPLOITATION.**

There has been a lot of guidance given to China and there will, doubtless, be a great deal more. During the year just closed China has loomed largely in the international picture, and, by reason of it, writers and publicists who have any knowledge of this vast eastern Republic have had a year in which there was plenty of scope for the working off of pet ideas and platitudes. But in spite of all, China is still going along in her haphazard and almost uncontrolled way. By reason of the great international conferences that the year has witnessed and by reason of the general spirit of reconstruction abroad in the world, the past year could have been for China one of unparalleled achievement. It certainly was one of great opportunities, and, whilst it would be harsh to say that those opportunities were squandered, it would be only the bare truth to record that they were allowed to pass by without scarcely any advantage being taken of them. A very short review of the outstanding features of the year will go to prove this.

Although she entered the war a little late in the day, China was one of the great concept of Powers that banded themselves together for the defeat of German militarism, and very rightly took her place in the councils that followed the termination of hostilities. With infinite care and after much patient thought, members of the Council of Versailles framed and adopted a Peace Treaty that they, in their wisdom, thought best represented a just and equitable settlement of all the main questions involved. To the whole of that Treaty China refused to subscribe, because on the question of the ex-German territory in the Shantung Peninsula she resented the temporary handing over of it to Japan. On the merits and demerits of the Shantung decision more than enough has been said—our own view has often been stated; but when all is said and done the withholding by China of her assent to the Treaty was a lost opportunity. It was an opportunity for the display of a spirit of benevolent compromise, a chance to reveal an earnest of international goodwill. To the League of Nations might have been safely left the task of final adjustment. But China failed to rise to a height higher than that of her own individual ends. And the consequence is that the Peace Treaty knows not China's signature. Turning to internal affairs, the most outstanding feature was the attempt made to bring about an amicable settlement between the Northern and Southern parties. With a great deal of acclamation there was planned a conference at Shanghai, but the failure of the delegates to come together, the continual objections raised by either side or the other, has read like a tragic comedy. If there ever did exist a real desire on the part of either faction to settle matters it was never given a chance to show itself. The North and South are in every way as much apart as they were when the year just closed first dawned. The very active campaign against all thing Japanese, resulting in the destruction of material and not a few ludicrous demonstrations by irresponsible youths, was another feature of the year regarding which China cannot be complimented. True it is that the year has seen the development of one or two needed things—aviation has been given a start—but in the more essential needs, especially that of wise direction and legislation, China has lived through another year of costly poverty.

And, unless there is a very great change, the same will have to be written at the close of the year 1920. China—and by that is now meant the millions of hard-working people forming the bulk of the vast population—is sound at heart. No-one who has come in close touch with it could say any other. Where China needs a drastic revision is in the conception that her rulers and officials have of what they owe to their country and to the greater world outside. Narrowed by personal aims, they translate every occasion for administration into terms affecting only their own ends, and it can boldly be stated that therein lies the curse of the world's most potential country. It is not administered; it is exploited. And when people begin to exploit from within they are soon joined by exploiters from without. All the preaching, all the advice, and nearly all the friendship that is given to China is being turned to no account by the men who pretend to voice her wishes, but who, in reality, voice only their own. It is perhaps too big a thing to hope for that the year ahead will witness a great deal of change, but if it could only bring some evidence of an enlightened regime, then a very big step indeed would have been taken towards a fuller realisation of China's inherent greatness.

**NOTES & COMMENTS.**

**THE STRUGGLE FOR LIFE.**

We have heard a lot about the planets lately, and it may, therefore be of interest to some of our readers to learn that an American Professor by the name of Todd believes that the people of Mars are superior to the people of this earth because they have greater difficulties to contend with. There is no rainfall on their planet, he says, and canals must convey from the polar ice-caps all the water needed for agriculture and to support life of any sort. Mars will dry up in time, he adds, and its inhabitants perish. (All the while assuming that these inhabitants exist.) Well, whatever may be the case on Mars, the human race in early times had to fight against odds to keep alive. A new kind of odds and fresh obstacles are piling up before the modern man. The individual's problems are more pressing than ever before. He is in no danger of being pierced by an arrow on his way to church, but it is almost as painful to pay the 1919 price for a suit of decent clothes, for example. So we should be acquiring strength of mind and soul; we should be improving as the result of the very harshness of life's demands. It may be, therefore, that all the uncomfortable happenings of these days are true blessings. That's one way of looking at life in these strenuous days.

**AMERICA AND THE TREATY.**

Apparently some of the American senators are getting rather uneasy about the failure of the opposing political parties to reach a compromise on the question of the ratification of the Peace Treaty. It seems that "the mild reservation group" intends forwarding to Senator Lodge an ultimatum stating that he must agree to the changes supported by the 64 Senators or they will join the Democrats, thus side-tracking the Lodge programme for a new series of "reservations of a milder character. That would appear to suggest that, after all, the Republicans have carried the game of "knocking" the Treaty rather too far even for some of their own party. The other day we were taken to book by a local American because we dared to suggest that this opposition to the Treaty was inspired by party feeling. Well, Mr. Lloyd George believes it is, anyhow, for since we penned our comments he has delivered himself thus: "Party strife in America has resulted in jeopardising peace and endangering the League of Nations in a country which took the most prominent part to promote it." Our own view is that the American people, though they may believe that the Treaty is not a perfect instrument (it could not be in the circumstances), would not favour any course which would have the results suggested by Mr. Lloyd George. They are too loyal to the Allies for that. That is why we hope that even now some satisfactory means of compromise will be found, whereby the great American nation may play its rightful part in the world problems that lie ahead.

**SPREAD OF BOLSHEVISM.**

Whilst it would not be wise to give credence to all the stories that are told concerning the spread of Bolshivism, there is an obvious danger in belittling this anarchical movement which has made its effects felt in many parts of the world. That tale told about a proposed Yellow invasion of Western Europe by Bolshvised Chinese has probably more foundation in the imagination than in anything else, but we cannot be blind to the possibilities of Bolshivism getting a hold in China. If Bolshivism can plan and intrigue in India and Afghanistan, to say nothing of their activities in the United States, there is no reason why they should not attempt to influence the Chinese the more so since China is geographically quite near the centre of Bolshivist authority. A Chinese telegram which we published two days ago spoke of Bolshivist representatives being in touch with important personages in China and of a report that a big sum of money will be spent to further the movement in the Orient. All that is more than possible, and we can well conceive of Chinese blackguards joining in the scheme. What is needed is that the Chinese be made aware of the destructive and utterly dangerous character of Bolshivism and be urged to set their faces against anything which smacks of it.

**DAY BY DAY.**

**CENSURE IS THE TAX A MAN PAYS TO THE PUBLIC FOR BEING EMINENT.—Said.**

The Glencore Company is at present holding a special Spring Sale.

Aberdeen Inland Lot 82 is to be sold by auction at the P.W.D. Offices on January 19. It contains 4,420 square feet, and the up price is \$1,989.

The K. C. C. Children's Sports are being held to-morrow, the first race taking place at 2.15 p.m. His Excellency the Governor has consented to distribute the prizes.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Norman Lockhart Smith to act as Second Police Magistrate until further notice.

The New Year was ushered in with much cracker-firing, tolling of bells and blowing of ship's sirens in Hongkong. One vessel in port sent out in Morse code with her siren the greeting: "A Happy New Year to All."

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Robert Oliphant Hutchison, M.B.E., to act as Treasurer, during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. Charles Mellvaine, M.B.E., with effect from the 5th January, 1920.

It is notified that His Excellency the Governor in Council has given directions for the rescission, so far as it affects Formosa (all ports) and the Pescadores, of the Order of the 31st July, 1919, proclaiming Formosa (all ports) and the Pescadores to be places at which an infectious or contagious disease prevailed.

Miss Le Roy, the well-known Parisian dancer and soubrette, appeared on Wednesday night at the Victoria Theatre. Owing to a severe chill that she had contracted, Miss Le Roy could not give all the numbers that she had intended. She left yesterday for Shanghai, where she will be starting at the Apollo. Hongkong will have an opportunity of seeing her in proper form and appreciating her talents when she comes this way again.

Our Pictorial Supplement to-morrow will contain many local pictures of deep interest. These will include groups of the Evans-Grimble wedding, the England v. Scotland football match, the Hongkong Cricket Club v. Garrison contest, and the "Purple Pierrrots," a new Hongkong Concert Party. In addition, there will be two illustrations of Capt. Ross Smith's aeroplane at Singapore, which successfully flew from England to Australia.

There has been added to the Register of Medical Practitioners entitled to practice medicine in Hongkong the name of Dr. Philip Sexton Vickerman, O.B.E., Lieut. Col., R.A.M.C., S.R., 12, Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon. He is Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of the University of Edinburgh, Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians (London), and Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (England).

A whist drive was held in the Dockyard Recreation Club on Wednesday last and was well attended. The prize winners were as follows: Ladies—1st, Mrs. Budden; 2nd, Mrs. Vosper; 3rd, Mrs. Windebank; Hidden Number, Mrs. A. Matthews. Gentlemen—1st, Mr. Tunnard; 2nd, Mr. Harrison; 3rd, Mr. Windebank; 4th, Mr. Tangy; Hidden Number, Mr. Harding. After a very enjoyable evening, the M. C. (Mr. A. B. Allan) presented the prizes to the successful competitors, and he was in turn presented with a number of tax presents from the ladies present.

A Chinese was before Mr. J. R. Wood to-day on a charge of entering a dwelling house for an unlawful purpose. The man complained that he went into the house to sleep but was driven out by the tenant with a stick. The great cold which he felt forced him to risk a beating by going again into the house. He was not able to make his stay permanent, for he was again driven out and finally handed over to the Police. The Magistrate, after hearing the pitiable tale, decided to provide the prisoner with seven days' residence in the Gaol. But to earn that, the man will have, for him, the novelty of working harder than the stipulated period.

**REPULSE BAY HOTEL.**

**SUCCESSFULLY OPENED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.**

**SPEECH BY THE GOVERNOR.**

That Hongkong has begun the New Year well must have been the unanimous verdict of the large throng that attended the long-looked for opening of the new Repulse Bay Hotel yesterday afternoon. Scarcely is it that one sees so large and representative a gathering of the Colony's principal residents as that which assembled in response to the many invitations that had been sent out, and such attendance was in itself, not only an eloquent testimony to the fact that a great want has now been filled, but an augury for the establishment's popularity. Further proof of this lies in the fact that His Excellency the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) had consented to perform the opening ceremony.

Fortunately, the function was favoured with perfect weather conditions, and there was keen enjoyment to be derived from the motor trip that was necessary. Practically every motor car in the Colony must have been requisitioned, for there was a constant stream of cars arriving at the Hotel from soon after 2.30 p.m., although the ceremony was not timed to take place until three o'clock. On arrival the guests were received by Mr. J. H. Taggart, the Manager, to whom the whole credit is due for the conception and execution of the scheme, and by Mr. J. Scott Harston, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company. As mentioned above, practically all the Colony's principal residents were present, including H. E. the General Officer Commanding, (Major General Ventris, C.B.), and Sir William Rees Davies, K.C. Sir Haviland de Saumarez, H.B.M.'s Judge at Shanghai, was also among these present.

On arrival, His Excellency the Governor was welcomed by Mr. Scott Harston who said: "Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen.—On behalf of the Hongkong Hotel Company and those assembled here to-day, I cordially welcome Your Excellency, and thank you for honouring this auspicious occasion by your presence. I use the word 'auspicious' advisedly, for I feel sure that as certainly as the sun now shines upon us, good fortune will ever attend this enterprise, upon which Your Excellency has by your kind attendance to inaugurate, placed the hall-mark of good repute. In the circumstance of the uniqueness of this event in the history of the Colony, it is perhaps fitting that I should offer a few remarks regarding this highly important adjunct of the Hongkong Hotel Company's undertaking. The idea of building the Repulse Bay Hotel was the product of the brain of Mr. Taggart, the Company's energetic and genial manager, who, ever ready to forward the interests of the Company and to secure the welfare of its patrons, suggested this project rather more than two years ago. Having convinced his Board of Directors of its soundness and obtained their sanction for its erection, he has devoted himself heart and soul to its successful completion, and the edifice which now stands before you bears striking tribute to his foresight, labour and ceaseless attention. It reminds me of Sir Christopher Wren's epitaph: "Si monumentum requiris circumspice."—(Hear, hear.)

Nature has bestowed bountiful gifts in plenty upon the site and its surroundings, but we all owe a deep debt of gratitude to the architects, Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs, and to the contractors, Messrs. Teang Ying for their skill in attaining the really excellent result which you will shortly behold, and on behalf of my Company, I tender to them this hearty thanks. I have no doubt whatever that this Hotel will prove a boon to a host of people who live in Hongkong, and I am also confident that its patrons will be by no means limited to the populace of this Colony. The locality is easy of access from our City, and as the enterprising Dragon Motor Car Company are instituting a service of motor buses at reasonable rates, it can be reached without difficulty by all. I have now to request that your Excellency will be pleased to perform the inaugural ceremony and formally declare the Hotel open to the public—for which purpose and on behalf of the Hotel Company, I beg leave to present to you this key.—(Applause.)

His Excellency the Governor, in declaring the Hotel open, remarked that Dr. Johnson had observed on one occasion that there was nothing which had yet been contrived by man that was of so much use or gave so much happiness as a good tavern or inn.—(Laughter.) In Dr. Johnson's days the word "hotel" was not used in the same sense as at present or he (Dr. Johnson) would have substituted for the words he used. He (His Excellency) had come down to open that hotel because he thought it represented an important event in the life of the Colony. It had frequently been observed by a good many people passing through Hongkong that one drawback to the place was that there was nowhere for tourists to go. If they wished to go anywhere they had to return to their hotels. The Hongkong Hotel Company had shown much enterprise and wisdom in accepting Mr. Taggart's advice by providing that most admirable place which would serve as an object for excursions on one of the best and most beautiful roads in Asia, and he was sure that the hotel would meet with the success it deserved because of the skill and intelligence with which the site had been selected. From the point of view of the tourist it was a great advantage to have a place of that kind, but whether, from the point of view of the Colony, it was a great advantage to have the tourists was a matter on which there was a little difference of opinion.—(Laughter.) But he hoped that the Hotel Company would reap the benefit of their enterprise by providing that popular resort for the inhabitants of the Colony. He wished it all success for the future and had much pleasure in declaring the Hotel open.—(Applause.)

His Excellency then opened the main door of the large hall, the hotel band striking up the National Anthem.

Visitors, who were very keen on inspecting the building and its appointments, were high in their praises of all that was seen. As we have previously published a full description of the building, as well as given an outline of what the completed scheme will be, further will not be said here of the essentially artistic hotel that has now been added to Hongkong's attractions. Refreshments were liberally dispensed, and the future success of the hotel enthusiastically toasted. Mr. Taggart was very properly made the recipient of many congratulations. Before His Excellency the Governor left he signed at the head of the visitors' list "R. E. Stubbs, Governor of Hongkong."

Reference to the opening would not be complete without mention of the very efficient police control of the heavy motor traffic, this being carried out by Inspector Garrod and staff.

**THE EVENING BALL.**

To mark the opening, a public Ball was given at the Hotel in the evening, this being largely attended and proving an unequalled success. As seen by night, the Hotel presented a very striking picture. The approach was brilliantly illuminated by powerful ball lights, whilst the small Italian garden was very effectively picked out in red lanterns. The central hall was proved to have a splendid dancing floor, and from nine o'clock until well past midnight, presented an animated scene. One of the features of the dance programmes was "The Repulse Bay Waltz," specially composed by Mrs. Taggart. Summing up the proceedings as a whole, one can only say that the Hotel has been launched in a manner worthy of the important place it is destined to have in the social life of the Colony.

**TODAY'S MISCELLANY.**

Discussing the pronunciation of the word "margarine" at the family breakfast table, Paterfamilias exposed the vulgar error derived, perhaps, from its Dutch origin—of pronouncing it "mar-jine," remarks the *Morning Post*. He gave as his reason the invariable practice in the English language of sounding the *g* hard when followed by the vowel *a* as in "Margaret." The son of the house, though unable to produce an exception to this rule, professed himself unconvinced, but said that he got over the difficulty by calling the stuff "marge." The logical parent, not to be led away from his point by this false scent, then appealed to authority. "When you go back to school," he said, "notice how your headmaster pronounces the word." "Oh," was the reply, "he always calls it butter."

We are all familiar thanks to much reading of sentimental novels, with the ways in which young lovers express their delight in each other (writes J. M. in the *Book Monthly*). These ways become a little stereotyped, a little dull, even a little commonplace, to the average reader. If he wants to hear, in new ways of the happiness of young lovers, let him turn to American sentimental books, which are wonderfully inventive in that respect. One that has just come across the Atlantic shows a handsome American soldier and a pretty country girl coming together after their war separation. And we read that "he felt, with an odd exaltation, the quick hammer of her heart against his breast."

Major Hyland does not lose all the privileges of his position on leaving office. It is customary in New York to erect two street-lamps out of the city funds in front of the mayor's private residence, and to keep them alight all night, not only during his term of office, but during the remainder of his lifetime, and even after his death, should his heirs wish it. Before a new mayor takes the oath of office, the city lighting superintendent calls to display various designs of lamps for his selection. Though the shapes may vary, each lamp must be surmounted by a brass eagle. This custom, originated in the days New York was little more than a village, and the mayor was its only magistrate. The lamps served to guide any one seeking his services after dark.

There is a pathetic touch connected with many of the Tyrolean roads (writes Ethel M. Biltbrough in *The King's Highway*) that cannot fail to strike the traveller, namely, the number of small shrines he will pass along the route. Some have been erected by the wayside, whilst many have been placed at the base of a precipitous cliff; yet one and all tell the same story, being memorials of someone who has fallen and perished on the spot. As works of art they are for the most part very terrible things, being invariably the work of some local peasant. On looking up at the frowning heights above these shrines, we felt no desire (adds the writer of her tour) to add to their number—deeming it wiser to leave the untrodden paths of this mountainous country to the more venturesome and unwary, while we contented ourselves with the charm of the road, and trusted to the safety and security of the public highway.

The most brilliant member of the family whose present head has been compelled to eat humble pie before the Douglas-Pennant Committee was the third Earl Stanhope. Born in 1752, and brought up at Geneva at a time when that city sheltered many revolutionary enthusiasts, he imbibed their opinions at an impressionable age and remained constant to them until his death. He was among the founders of the Revolutionary Society in England, and one of Gillray's best-known caricatures represents William Pitt at the bar of the Society, with a helmet round his neck, held by his brother-in-law "Citizen" Stanhope. There still exists, struck in Citizen Stanhope's honour, a medal bearing the names of the reformers he advocated. With the simple exception of triennial Parliaments, all long ago became obsolete. He also showed himself a keen friend of journalism, and Stanhope printing was the first invented, was the first century ago, still in use in paper offices.

**VICTORIA THEATRE.**

The management of the Victoria Theatre are to be congratulated on their enterprise in securing the band of the Wiltshire Regiment to play at their 9.15 performances and at the matinees on Wednesday and Saturdays. Last night, inaugurated the change, and the string band of the Regiment played a capital selection of music which was highly appreciated by the packed house. If we may be allowed to offer a suggestion, the band played too softly, obviously being under the impression that the Theatre is small for loud playing, but this is an erroneous impression. The Victoria Theatre's seating accommodation would imagine, is almost as large as the Theatre Royal's. There will be presented, Frank Keenan in "The Loaded Dice" and to-morrow Mrs. Vernon Castle in "The First Lady," and on Sunday at matinee (6 p.m.) "The King's Game."



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## KOWLOON NOTES.

(BY "THE FERRYMAN.")

Christmas is over and 1920 begun, but the season of festivity is not yet ended. We have not yet finished with the New Year celebrations, and it looks as though the next few days and nights will keep most of us busy with dinner-parties, dances and the like. Well, there's nothing like starting a fresh year in jovial mood.

We were favoured with absolutely ideal weather for the Christmas holidays, and the spirit of cheeriness and goodwill prevailed everywhere. There were parties galore in Kowloon, whilst the youngsters gave a good imitation of China New Year with their crackers and bonfire. 'Twas a bit noisy, but who would want to see the little ones silent and grumpy at the season of the year to them?

Kowloon Cricket Club's Christmas draw was more successful than ever before. The dollar-tickets sold like hot cakes, whilst the prizes were numerous and decidedly appropriate to the season. I didn't hear of anybody losing sucking pigs or turkeys in the harbor when crossing by the ferry. That's an old story. But there were plenty of humorous incidents about the draw, none the less.

It was like old times to be at the Kowloon Dock Ball on Tuesday night. Everybody was loud in praise of the magnificent scheme of decorations and in appreciation of the unstinted hospitality of the Dock folk, who certainly are royal hosts. When dancing ceased, it was a tired but thoroughly happy crowd that wended its way homewards.

I did not "see the New Year in" in Kowloon, but from what I have been told, 1920 was heralded in in noisy fashion. The cracker-firing was unprecedented, I hear. It seems that the European community has become just as partial to this manner of ushering in the New Year as the Chinese are. And the bombs! They were going off all day yesterday. The Chinese fireworks sellers must have done a roaring business this Christmas and New Year.

The Ferry Company served its patrons well during the holiday season, putting on extra boats for late nights and early mornings. Unlike the Peak Tramway Company, it doesn't make any extra charge for late runnings. That's a point we are apt to forget.

But I wish there was a little more co-operation between the two concerns. For example, a late Peak car was put on at the top on New Year's Eve, or rather, New Year morning, at 12.45 a.m., whilst the last ferry left Hongkong at 1 a.m. Some Kowloonites made a fruitless attempt to connect the two; they ran a little Hongkong Pier just in time to see the two ferry-boats gliding out.

Now, in such cases it would surely be possible either for the

last car to leave the Peak five minutes earlier or the last ferry to be held back five minutes, for, strange as it may seem, there are Kowloon people who visit on the Peak! Seeing that these two Companies serve the public, their time-tables ought to fit better in with each other than they do.

Two well-known Kowloon residents will have left us for Shanghai when the s.s. Gregory Apcar departs with Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Paine amongst the passengers. Mr. Paine is well-known as a talented vocalist and he has made a great success in building up the local branch of Moutrie's to its present high standing. Both he and Mrs. Paine will leave behind a big circle of friends, with whom they have been extremely popular. May good luck attend them in Shanghai, to which place they do not go altogether as strangers.

I am sure that I express the feelings of all Kowloon residents in penning a few lines of sympathy with Mrs. J. H. Mead and her little child in the heavy loss have sustained by the unexpected death of Mr. Mead in Shanghai. Everybody knew "Jimmy" Mead and all who came in contact with him could not help being affected by his bright and cheery disposition. He was a "sport" in every sense of the word. It may console his young widow to know that she has the very real sympathy of the whole community.

The new Chaplain of St. Andrew's is now in harness and is getting known to more people every day. As a preacher, he has created an excellent impression, whilst socially both he and Mrs. Lindsay have delighted all whom they have met.

I see that the whole of those unsightly hoardings have been removed from the piece of land just outside the Godown Company's premises. We are progressing! Now what about that dirty old structure which used to serve as a ricksha shelter? Time that was pulled down too.

## THE CORONET.

To meet the demand for good pictures for the holidays, the Coronet are to-day screening three films which can be favourably commented upon. These are "His Father's Son," "The Warning," and "Panthea." The first-named will be shown at the 2.30 p.m. The principal shows at 5.15 and 9.15 p.m. will witness "The Warning," a dramatic play starred by Henry Kolker. This is a picture which is worth the expense of a visit to the Theatre. Shown for the first time last night, the picture drew much appreciation for its high dramatic qualities and fine acting. There is the further attraction of the unexpected as the various chapters in the story are unfolded. For those who have not seen the picture, "Panthea" will be again screened to-day at the 7.15 p.m. show. The merits of this picture have been remarked on, and it can only be said that in offering the picture at the 7.15 p.m. show at the usual prices the management of the Coronet again reveals its recognition of the desires of its patrons.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To The Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

### CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

Sir, When I wrote to you a few days ago under the above heading, I thought I made it quite clear that I held no brief for the J.P.s, lethargic or otherwise. It is a pity that you confuse the question of their lethargy with a much larger and more important issue, viz.—The better representation of the Community on the Legislative Council.

At present, without considering the Chinese members, two are elected and two nominated. Of the two elected members, one is elected by the body of men who so rouse your ire, the J.P.s, and the other is elected by the Chamber of Commerce.

The C.R.A. proposes that instead of the two nominated members there shall be four new members elected by the community, the electorate being based on the Jury List. Nobody claims that this is a perfect scheme, but it is a practical one and immeasurably better than the present system whereby the average man, who is expected to do far more responsible work—to serve as Jurors—is denied the right of saying who shall represent him on the Legislative Council.

I repeat that no orderly reform is possible without compromise of some sort or other. We cannot all get what we want. And unless there is a willingness to come forward a little and meet those who do not see eye to eye with us, there is danger of perpetuating the present system, which we all condemn. I feel sure, from the general tone of your leader to-night, that you would not be prepared to obstruct the C.R.A. programme without first making sure of an alternative scheme which would have sufficient support and backing from the community to be effective. Surely half a loaf is better than no loaf at all?

I appeal once more to you to lend your active support to Constitutional Reform in principle, and, while directing attention to any weakness in the scheme, yet voice the general desire of the Community for a better system of representation which His Excellency has been requested to study and report on.

Yours etc.,  
A SUPPORTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.  
Hongkong, Dec. 30, 1919.

[Our correspondent is sadly astray regarding the C.R.A. programme, which aims at increasing the Unofficial representation from six to nine—namely, three Chinese nominated members, two chosen by the Chamber of Commerce, one by the Justices of the Peace, and three elected by the general community. As we have before said, the direct election by the community of all the Unofficial members would be a far more democratic scheme.—Ed. H. K. T.]

The draft programme for the forthcoming Hongkong Races has been issued. The Meeting opens on Wednesday, February 11th, and continues for four days. There are eleven events on each of the first three days and nine on the last day. Entries close on January 15th.

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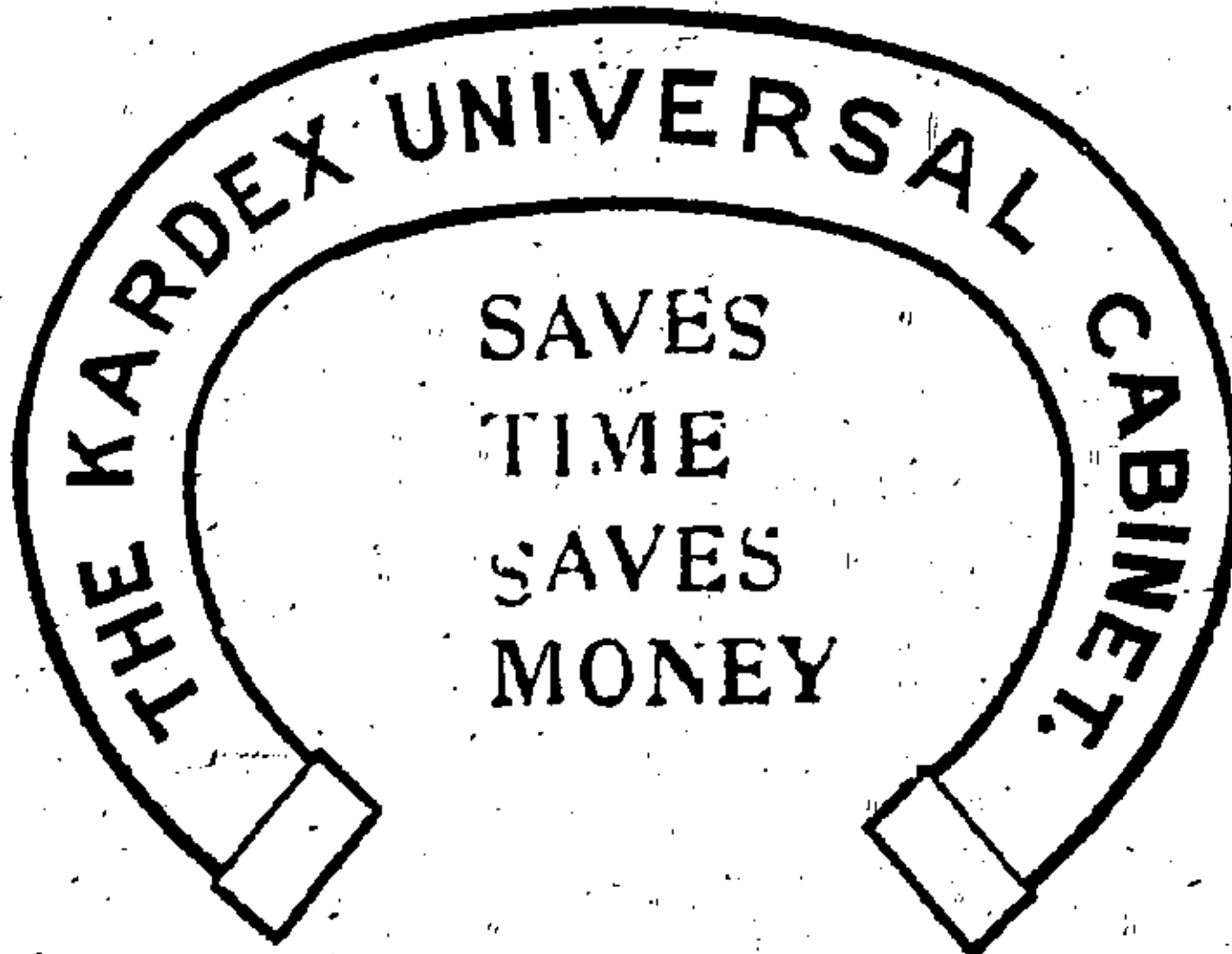
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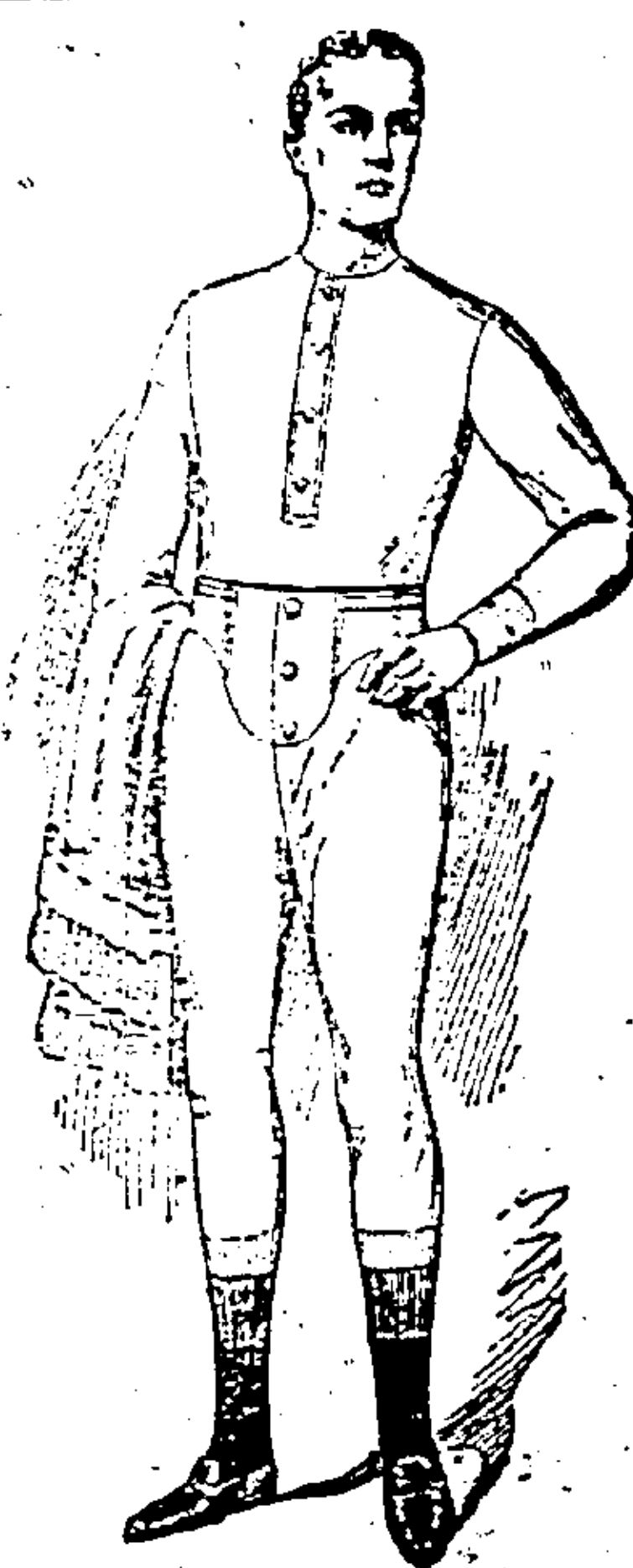
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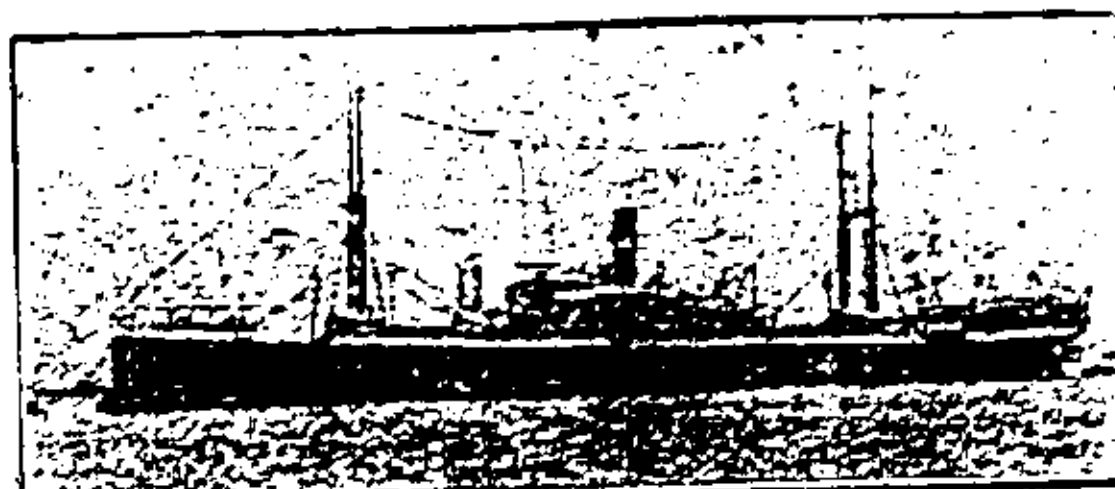
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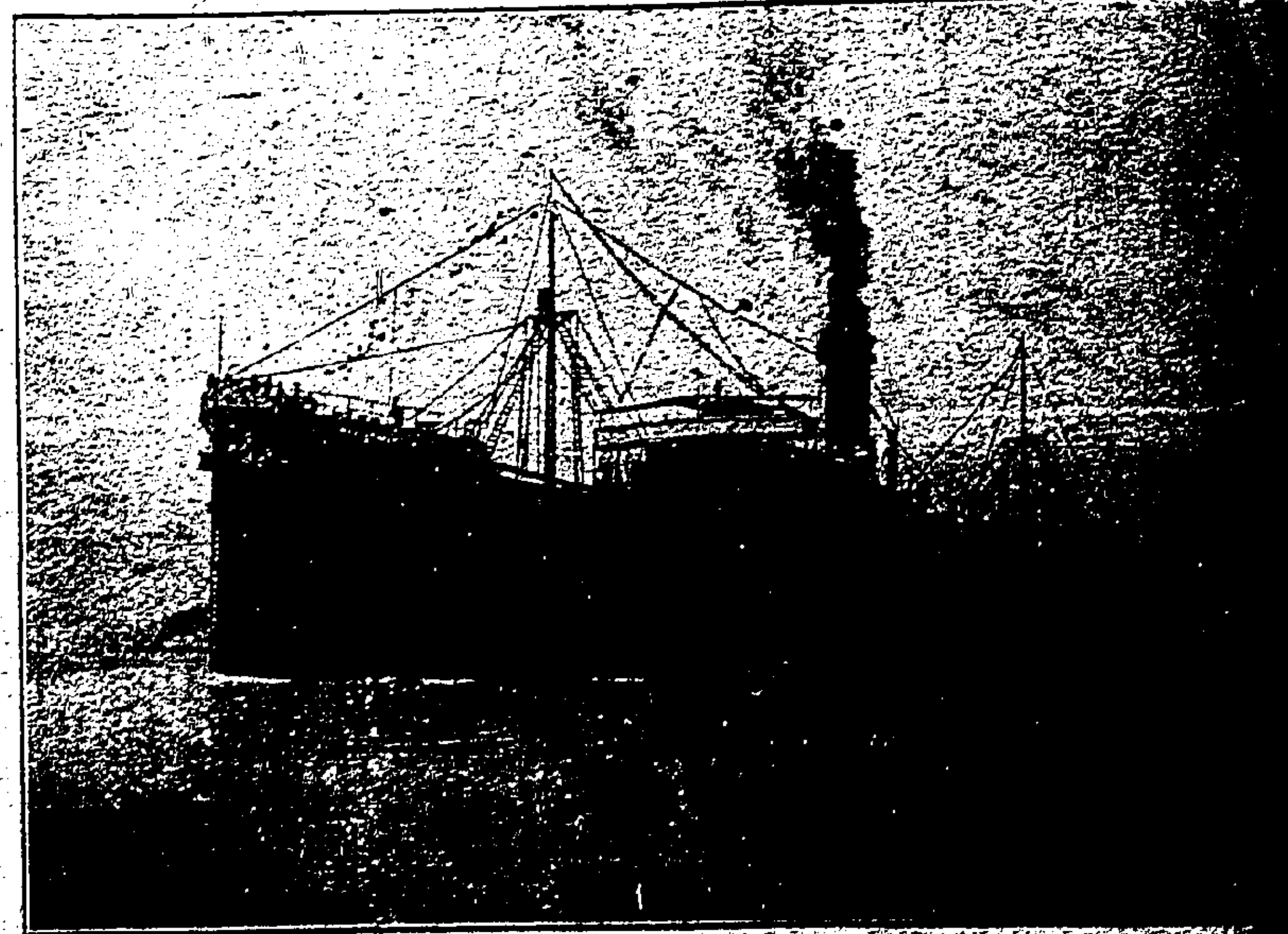
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The ceremony was as interesting as promised, and the trip round the works was a revelation. Perhaps a word or two regarding the new locomotive is necessary before embarking on a description of the workshops. The engine is a beautifully-modelled goods engine of the 0-8-0 type, with 25in. cylinders and a 25in. stroke, and an approximate h.p. of 1,000. Special features are the steam reversing gear and mechanical lubrication. The cab was to the design of Sir Vincent L. Raven, chief mechanical engineer to the N.E.R., and is considered the last word in comfort for the driver. The finish is superb, and the "lining" is so well done that the engine stand out beautifully. At 2.30 p.m. Sir Vincent Raven mounted the engine, pulled the lever and the new model steamed along a short stretch of line and broke the red, white and blue tape stretched across the railway to the cheers of the assembled mechanics and visitors.

The party was then conducted round the works by the chairman of the company, Mr. J. M. Faulkner, Sir Glynn West, deputy chairman; Sir George Hadcock, Sir Percy Girouard, Sir Philip Watts, and Mr. Saxton Noble, directors; Mr. R. B. McColl, the manager of the engine works was also present, also Mr. H. L. Critchley, general works manager. Mr. Waters, of the commercial department, piloted an army of pressmen round with admirable patience and provided much useful information.

The first thing to be remembered is that less than a year ago the huge engine works were shell shops turning out during the war, 14,500,000 shells of all calibres. When one remembers that fact the transformation scene effected is little short of miraculous. The whole character of the production has been changed, and the laying out of the shops altered beyond recognition. The first shop visited was the coppermith's department, where the very latest installations relating to that valuable craft were seen and, an important point, the heating apparatus was examined. The heating of these huge works is perhaps one of the finest in the country. Large pipes surround the buildings, and hot air is distributed in regular volume throughout the length and breadth of the shop. Believing that official information is not always the sole means of obtaining knowledge I took the opportunity of chatting with some of the workmen and learnt that one and all are loud in their praise of the conditions under which they work. As one old mechanic said, "Heating is a worship; we work better and don't feel inclined to leave a job to get warmed." I commend that practical view point to all manufacturers. The erecting department was a hive of industry. Already sixteen engines are on the "stocks" or "rails," or "berths," or whatever the technical term might be for the equivalent of stocks. In a few days the second and third engines will be completed, and soon the output will be one per day. A feature of the business is the scientific "lay-out." There appears to be unnecessary carrying and lugging and doubling back on processes in this to-date establishment. The various stages of construction, even to a layman, are so closely graduated for efficiency

## ARE BOYS PAGANS?

SCHOOLMASTER'S REPLY  
TO CLERGYMAN.

After 21 years at Chiswick, the Rev. Prebendary F. W. Isaacs is leaving for St. Giles, Cripplegate, and in a farewell to his parishioners laments the paganism of juvenile Chiswick.

"When the School Boards were abolished, and the control of local education was handed over to the Council," he writes "Chiswick Urban District Council made an arbitrary rule that no clergyman or minister should serve on the local Education Committee. Anyone who knows the result cannot but be appalled. Paganism, even where it is respectable, is but a poor substitute for godliness." He also deplores the substitution of the cinema for the Sunday school, and the loss of home influence on the boy.

A *Daily News* representative recently interviewed the headmaster of one of the biggest schools in the Rev. F. W. Isaacs' parish. He was frankly contemptuous of the charges.

"Of course boys are pagans," he said; "all healthy boyhood is pagan. Their religion is chiefly hero worship, and the last five years have been an age of heroes. Small blame to the boy if he is more of a hero-worshiper than ever. But that he is less open to suggestion or less receptive of good impulses I flatly deny. The modern boy is of his generation, a generation immortal for its chivalry and generosity through the war, unrivalled for its altruistic impulses. All these the modern boy has."

"At what are we invited to be appalled? I have had thousands of boys through my hands, and I cannot imagine. Naturally the boys of to-day are not as good as his predecessors. No boy of any age ever is. At any rate he never is until his predecessors get together over a cigar and tell lurid stories of their own school days. 'I am quite certain that the much maligned cinema has quickened the boy's brain and sharpened his faculties. It has not dulled his hero worship, and it has made him a more receptive creature than his predecessor ever was.'"

"The vices of the previous generation were put down to the blood-and-thunder penny dreadful; the vices of this are put down to the cinema. May I suggest to the Rev. Isaacs that if the excitement of the cinema have taken the place of the Sunday School, he should carry the war into the enemy's camp, and bring the cinema into the Sunday School?"

"As for the arbitrary rule of the Council, I have it on the best authority that no such arbitrary rule exists, that such a rule would be 'ultra vires' if it did, and finally I should like to point out that Chiswick cinemas are not open on Sundays!"

that a compliment must be paid to the engineer who had charge of that important part of the work. The machine shop was also extremely busy, and I noticed with interest the work being done by a tremendous slotter built by the firm. As I happened to be aware that some trouble was experienced with this machine tool when first installed, I was interested to observe that the trouble had been got over, and the machine was a miniature "massed production" plant on its own. The tender buildings shop and the boiler shops all were examples of the same efficiency and industry. The party left the works greatly impressed by all they saw and convinced that it was no idle boast that the concern will soon be the largest and most efficient of its kind in the world. Orders in hand are from all quarters of the globe—South Africa, India, the Dutch Colonies and Nigeria whilst the types of engine to be built are as varied as the directions to which they will go, including small shunters and mountain climbers. Not the least important aspect of the development is the fact that literally thousands of men will find employment for years to come. In short, the visit evoked a feeling of confidence in the old country which is invaluable.

N.E.W.  
ADVERTISEMENTS.

## NOTICE.

HONGKONG  
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables will be held in the Botanic Gardens on Thursday & Friday, the 4th & 5th March.

The full Schedule and programme will be issued to members very shortly.

Residents who are not already Members of the Society are invited to communicate with the Hon. Secretary.

H. B. L. DOWBIGGIN,  
1B, Chater Road,  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1920.

## NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG LAND  
INVESTMENT AND AGENCY  
CO., LTD.

Mr. Mowbray Stafford Northcote has this day been appointed Secretary to the Company.  
By Order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN JOHNSTONE,  
Chairman.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1920.

## NOTICE.

HONGKONG BOXING  
ASSOCIATION.

President: His Excellency Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., Governor.  
Chairman: His Honour Sir William Reece Davies, K.C., Chief Justice.

## SECOND TOURNAMENT.

At "The Ring", Volunteer Headquarters Parade Ground next (adjoining Lower Peak Tram Station). Specially constructed Matshed, capable of holding 2,000.  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 9th and 10th, 1920.

Novices Competitions and Championship Contest.

Friday, January 9th, at 7 p.m., until about 11 p.m.  
Preliminary Bout in Novices Competitions. Forty Competitors. Middleweight, Welterweight, Lightweight and Featherweight.  
Doors open at 6.30 p.m. NO PREVIOUS BOOKING. Cash on admission. Prices: \$2, \$1, and 50 cents. No half-price seats.

Saturday, January 10th, at 9.15 p.m. sharp.  
Semi-Finals and Finals in Novices Competitions.  
Also a Six-round Welterweight Contest and a Ten-round Featherweight Contest.

Also a FIFTEEN-ROUND CONTEST for the

WELTERWEIGHT  
CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE  
COLONY.

Between Sergeant "Sky" Kerrison, R.N.Y.P. (Holder) and Seaman Parsons, H.M.S. Ambrose (Challenger).  
Doors open at 8.30 p.m.  
Prices: Reserved \$5, and \$3, unreserved \$2, and \$1. Men of H.M. Naval and Military Forces in uniform, half-price, to \$2 and \$1 seats.

BOOKING AT MOUTRIE'S, as follows:—

Wednesday, January 7th—Members of the Hongkong Boxing Association only.  
Thursday to Saturday, January 8th—10th—General Booking.

Judges: Lt-Colonel Loring, Major Rapson, Lt. Ansdell, R.N., and Lt. Dickinson, R.N.  
Referees: Messrs H.J. Gedge (Official Referee), W. Logan, A. Murdoch and J.S. McCann.

G. G. N. Tinson,  
Hon. Secretary.  
J. C. WILDIN  
Manager

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CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA  
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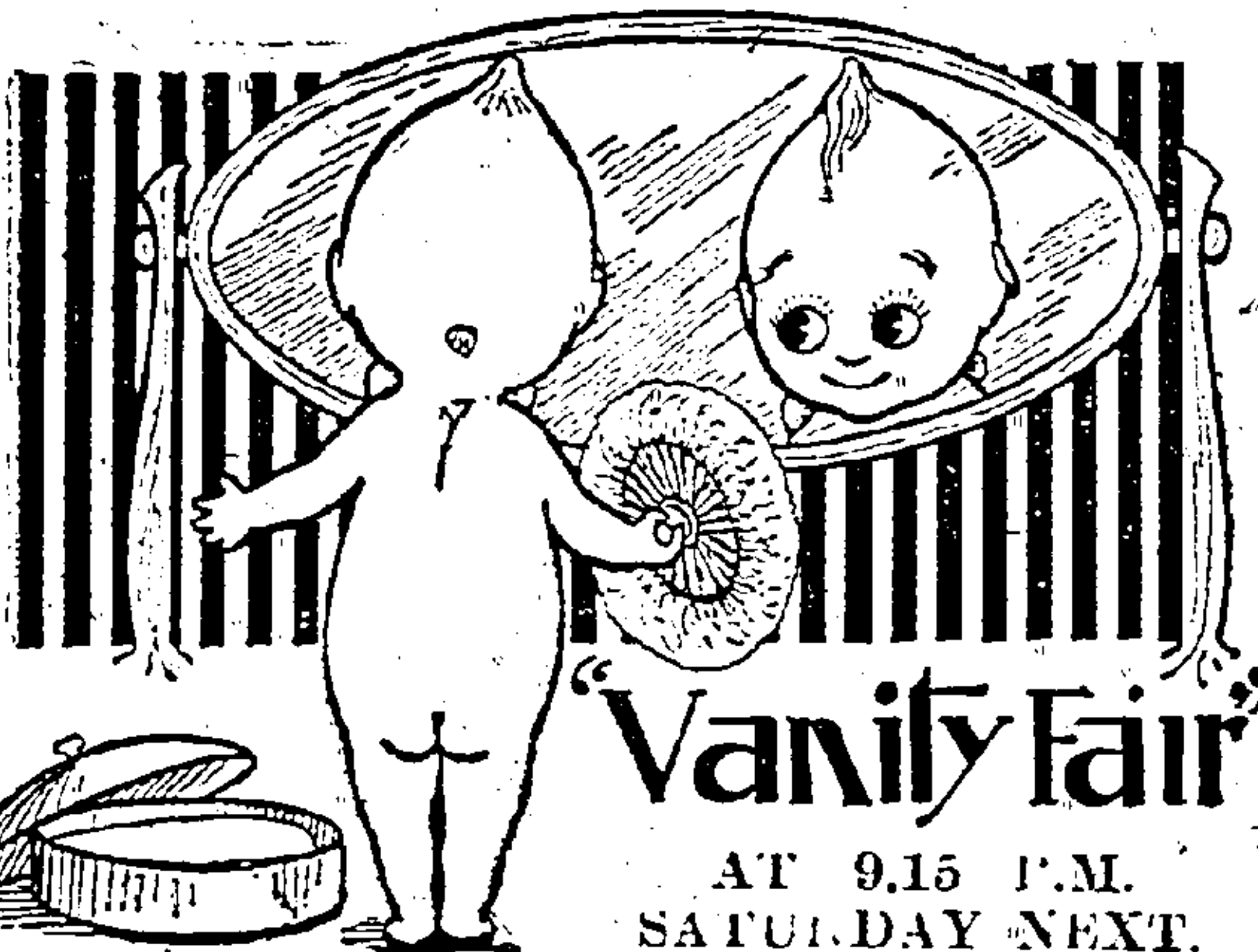
DIRECTION: A. STRCK.

Booking now open at MOUTRIE'S

## FINAL FAREWELL OF THE FAVOURITES

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## MOTOR BUS SERVICE

Hongkong Hotel to Repulse  
Bay Hotel.

Commencing on the 1st January, 1920, the DRAGON MOTOR CAR CO., will run a MOTOR BUS SERVICE from the HONGKONG HOTEL to the REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

\$2 RETURN FARE \$2

In connection with the opening and Ball at the Repulse Bay Hotel, Buses will leave the Hongkong Hotel on January 1st, between the following times:

1.30 and 2 p.m.  
4 and 5 p.m.  
7 and 9 p.m.

Tickets can be obtained at the Dragon Motor Car Co., 24, Des Voeux Road. No chits.

No bus will leave unless at least 10 persons have booked seats.

## NOTICES.

## THE HONGKONG &amp; WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED

In the Matter of the Trading with  
the Enemy Ordinances 1914-1919.

NOTICE is for general information hereby given that pursuant to the powers contained in the above Ordinances the under-mentioned shares and all rights, whether legal or equitable in respect thereof, were vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property, Hongkong, who pursuant to the said powers has recently sold the same by private tender and Notice is also given that pursuant to the aforementioned powers new Certificates in respect of the said shares have been issued by the above named Company to the Purchaser and that all other Certificates whatsoever in respect of the above shares have been noted in the books of the said Company as cancelled and Notice is further given that in consequence of the foregoing all outstanding Certificates in respect of the said shares are valueless for all purposes whatsoever.

The shares referred to above are the following:—

Shareholder's Name	No. of old shares	No. of new shares	Registered Nos. of old shares
The Executors of Mrs. Lucie M. C. Nicolson	50	10	34171/34195 inclusive 34196/34220
Wilhelm Otto Christian Spalckhaver	75	15	28369/28393 37687/37711 25315/25839
Dr. Ferdinand Korn	40	8	27305/27314 27315/27324 27325/27334 27335/27344
Norddeutscher Lloyd	4	0	35185/35188
Johann Nicolaus Goosmann	1	0	41989
Carl Heinrich Rogge	10	2	28599 28608
Friedrich Hermann Arnold Fuchs	25	5	21814/21833
C. Rudolf Heinzen	15	3	9949/9952 33117 31992/32001
P. Hermeling	25	5	28709/28733
Reinrich Karl Oldorp	10	2	11537/11566
Speidel & Co.	35	7	45951/45957 16624/16648
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Dated this 30th day of December 1919.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LT

R. M. DYER,  
Chief Manager.

## NOTICE.

## CHINA BORNEO CO. LTD.

Shareholders are reminded that a Second Extraordinary General meeting of the above named Company (notice of which was duly given on the 10th inst.) will be held at the offices of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Company, St. George's Buildings, Victoria at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday the 13th day of January 1920, for the purpose of confirming, if thought fit, as a special Resolution, the following Resolution which was duly passed as an Extraordinary Resolution on the 29th inst., viz:—

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Ernest Alfred Mountford Williams of the firm of Lowe, Bingham & Matthews of Chartered Bank Buildings Queen's Road Central Victoria aforesaid be appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up, at such remuneration as may be arranged between the said Harrison and Crofield Limited and the Liquidator."

By Order of the Board,  
GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO.  
Agents.

## NOTICE

## REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

A Ball will be held on the evening of the 1st, of January 1920, commencing at 9.15 p.m.

Tickets including Buffet-Supper can be obtained at the Hongkong Hotel Main Office at \$3. per head. Dinner will not be served at the Repulse Bay Hotel on the opening night.

J. H. TAGGART,  
Manager.

## NOTICE.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a THIRTY SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Company, Limited on Wednesday 14th January 1920 at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1919.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday 1st January to Wednesday 14th January 1920 (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON HOOPER  
Secretary to the  
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.

General Agents for the  
West Point Building Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1919.

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# ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY BY THE MANAGEMENT OF THE VICTORIA THEATRE.

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE VICTORIA THEATRE HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN INFORMING THEIR PATRONS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT, COMMENCING FROM NEW YEAR NIGHT, THE BAND OF THE WILTSHIRE REGIMENT WILL PERFORM NIGHTLY AT THE VICTORIA THEATRE.

THERE WILL BE TWO CHANGES OF THE MUSICAL PROGRAMME. THE REGIMENTAL STRING BAND TO PLAY FOR FOUR NIGHTS WEEKLY AND THE REGIMENTAL BRASS THREE TIMES A WEEK. THE BAND WILL PLAY AS WELL ON WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS AT MATINEES.

THE VICTORIA THEATRE ORCHESTRA WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE ONLY AT THE MATINEE PERFORMANCES, EXCEPT WEDNESDAYS.

PRICES OF ADMISSION WILL CONTINUE THE SAME, AND PICTURE PROGRAMMES OF HIGH-WATER MARK WILL IN FUTURE BE PRESENTED.

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE THEATRE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF WISHING ONE & ALL OF THEIR PATRONS A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

THE VICTORIA THEATRE HAS SOLVED THE QUESTION OF A PUBLIC BAND FOR THE CITIZENS OF HONGKONG.

## VICTORIA

FOR COMFORT & ENJOYMENT.

### POCKETS & PERSONALITY.

#### HIDING PLACES OF TREASURES AND TRAGEDIES.

Some people say that you can judge people's characters by what they read in trains; others find their index in hands, in boots and how they are worn, in the shape of the nose or the style of wearing the hair.

It seems to me, says a writer to a Home paper, that the best outward indication of a man's personality is in his pockets. Get your neighbour to turn out his pockets before you, and you will learn much.

Pockets reached their highest development during the war. Barbusse, in his chapter on Le Barda, devotes quite a number of pages to the importance to the poet and his pockets.

When I first went to France I was put to a job that involved the turning out of wounded soldiers' pockets, that their contents might be carefully preserved.

In the breast pocket of the veston there was generally the most sacred treasure of all—the family photographs and the last letters from home, together with the livret militaire, the French soldier's official dossier and identity book all in one.

Some men sewed their letters and money into the linings of their coats, and many had a collection of saints' medals—souvenirs and porte-bonheurs from their womenfolk, often regarded as mascots—sewn or safety-pinned inside the pocket of the shirt.

One never dared to throw away a shirt, however filthy or blood-stained, without examining the pocket, or the hemmed opening for medals thus secured from prying eyes. Once a young poilu, when he left the hospital, ruthlessly went through the pocket treasury I had saved for him, and flung away a safety-pin with two of these medals strung on it—No, he did not want them, useless things! he said, with a mocking laugh. When his defiant young back was turned, I rescued them, with some letters which he had not troubled to tear up, and kept them—sentimentally—for the woman's sake who had sent them to him. I have them still, somewhere. So many tragedies, stuffed away in these men's pockets!

I think you will recognise the old campaigner in the days to come by the extent and arrangement of his pockets. He will always have the right thing handy, at the crucial moment, whether it is a case of opening a refractory tin (if it is an old hospital worker, male or female the article will certainly be a pair of "sprung" artery forceps) or repairing anything from a watch to a bicycle—and it will issue from a pocket on his person, from its special and habitual pocket.

The tailor and dressmaker who first learn to combine adequate storage facilities in the way of pockets with smart cut and elegant appearance will reap a harvest from our men and women during these days of sumptuary reconstruction.

**PROMISE KEPT AFTER 20 YEARS.**  
The Rev. Moffat Gautrey, head of the East Ham Wesleyan Mission, preached at the Mayoral Service at St. Helen's, Lancashire, in fulfilment of a promise made 20 years ago. When a young minister he laughingly promised the present Mayor of St. Helen's, who was then entering public life, that if he should ever reach the position of Mayor he would preach at the first church service he officially attended. Much to his surprise a few days ago, he received a reminder of the promise.

### EXCHANGE.

#### SELLING.

T/T Demand	4/10 1/2
30 d/s	4/10 3/4
60 d/s	4/11
4 m/s	4/11 1/2
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	207
T/T Japan	184
T/T India	207
Demand, India	207
T/T San Francisco & New York	94
T/T Java	247
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T Francs	9 85
Demand, Paris	—

#### BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	5/14
4 m/s. D/P	5/14
6 m/s. L/C	5/14 1/2
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	5/14 1/2
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	95 3/4
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. Francs	10 25
6 m/s. Francs	10 37
Demand, Germany	—
Demand, New York	94 1/2
T/T Bombay	207
Demand, Bombay	—
T/T Calcutta	207
Demand, Calcutta	—
Demand, Manila	194 1/2
Demand, Singapore	207
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	Nom.
On Bangkok	Nom.
Sovereign	4 05 Nom.
Gold leaf per tael	32 20
Bar Silver, per oz forward	—

### SUBSIDIARY COINS.

DISCOUNT PER \$100:	
H'kong 50 ct pieces	par.
" 10 "	\$2 pm.
" 5 "	\$51 pm.
Capton coins	3 1/2 pm.

### BREVITIES.

In Rumania when a man dies there must be placed in his coffin a comb, a bit of soap and a coin to pay the fee due Charon, to ferry him over the River Styx.

Cups and saucers are not used for tea in Russia. The fashionable drinking vessel for tea is the "stakan," a glass tumbler in a silver holder.

All the swallow tribes are found in every part of Great Britain, including the Shetlands, except the swift, which is not found in those islands.

The amount of material carried from the land into the ocean, in suspension and in solution, has been estimated at 3.7 cubic miles a year.

In making a survey of the spruce forests where airplane cutting was carried on during the war in the Grays Harbour spruce district, a tree 573 years old was found.

A substitute for imported edible gelatine is being made from a seaweed in the Philippines.

Dark-haired people so says an authority get married sooner than fair-haired individuals.

At six months a baby walrus will eat 50 pounds of codfish a day.

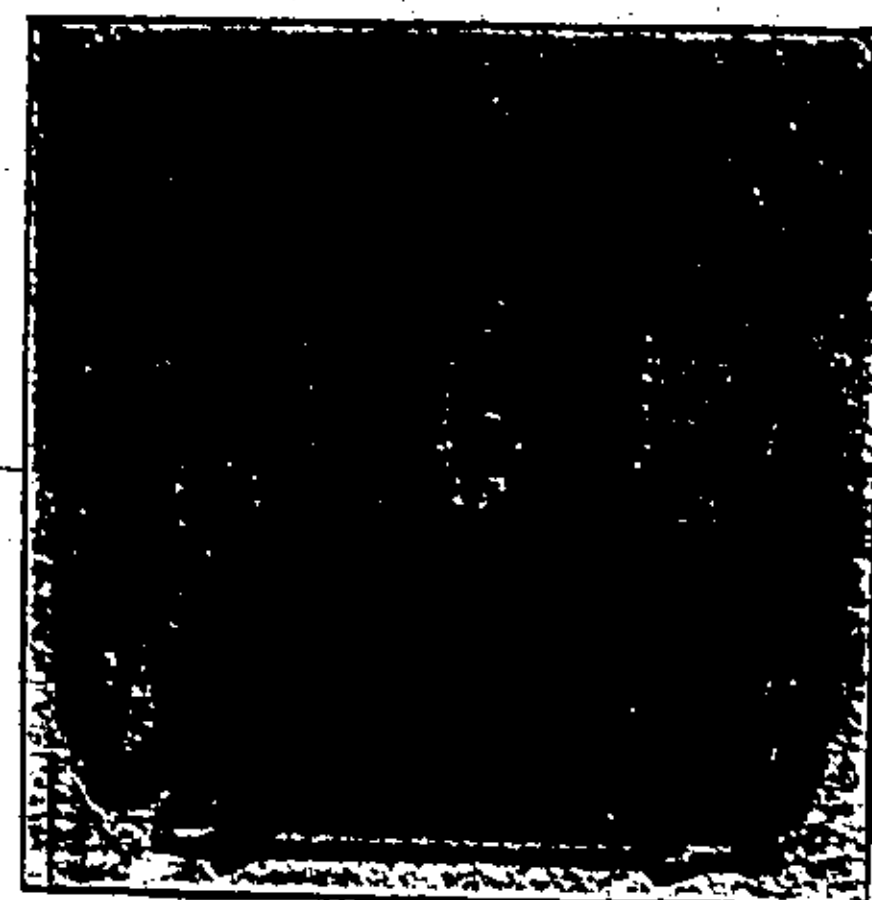
China has coal deposits as great as those of the United States, yet is still importing coal from Japan.

Woman is a subject never mentioned in Morocco. It would be a terrible breach of etiquette to ask a man after his wife or wives.

The natives of the Andaman Islands average three feet eleven inches in height and weigh under 70 pounds.

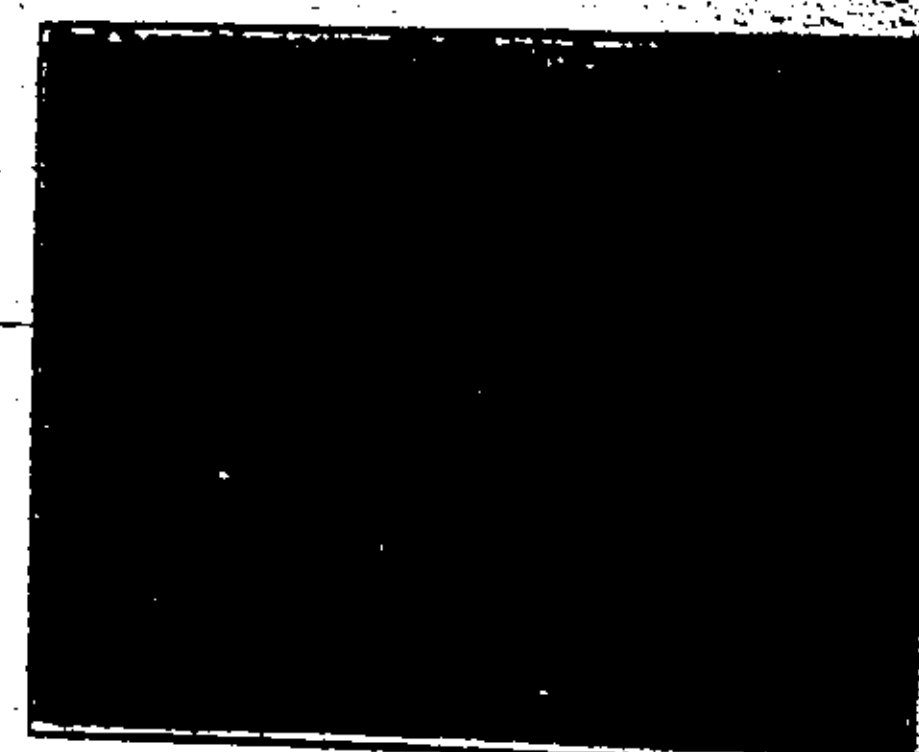
A single orange tree will produce 20,000 oranges, while a lemon tree seldom produces more than 8000 lemons.

### NOTICES.



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### LADIES' BOOTS!

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH A PAIR OF NEW BOOTS

THE SEASON'S BARGAIN

SINCERE'S

### CONSIGNEES.

#### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

##### "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

##### THE Steamship

##### "BENLAVERS."

From ANTWERP MIDDLESBORO LONDON & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godowns Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd Jan. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before the 10th Jan., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd Jan., at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hong Kong, 27th December, 1919.

### CONSIGNEES.

#### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

##### TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

##### S.S. "KIYO MARU."

From SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via SAN FRANCISCO HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS.

The above named Steamer having arrived Monday, December, 29th.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignees' risk.

Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Monday, January, 5th 1920.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godowns, where same will be examined on Monday, January 5th, 1920 at 10 A.M.

No Claims will be recognised after the goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

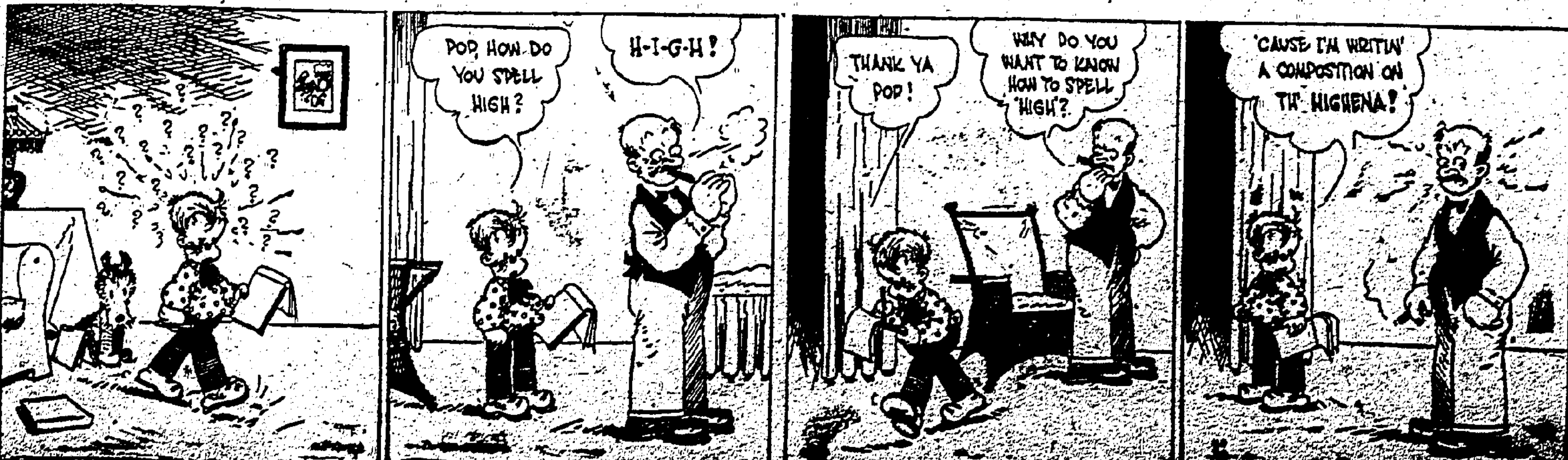
T. DAIGO, Manager.

Hong Kong, 29th December, 1919.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Freckles seems to use the reformed spelling!

BY BLOSSER



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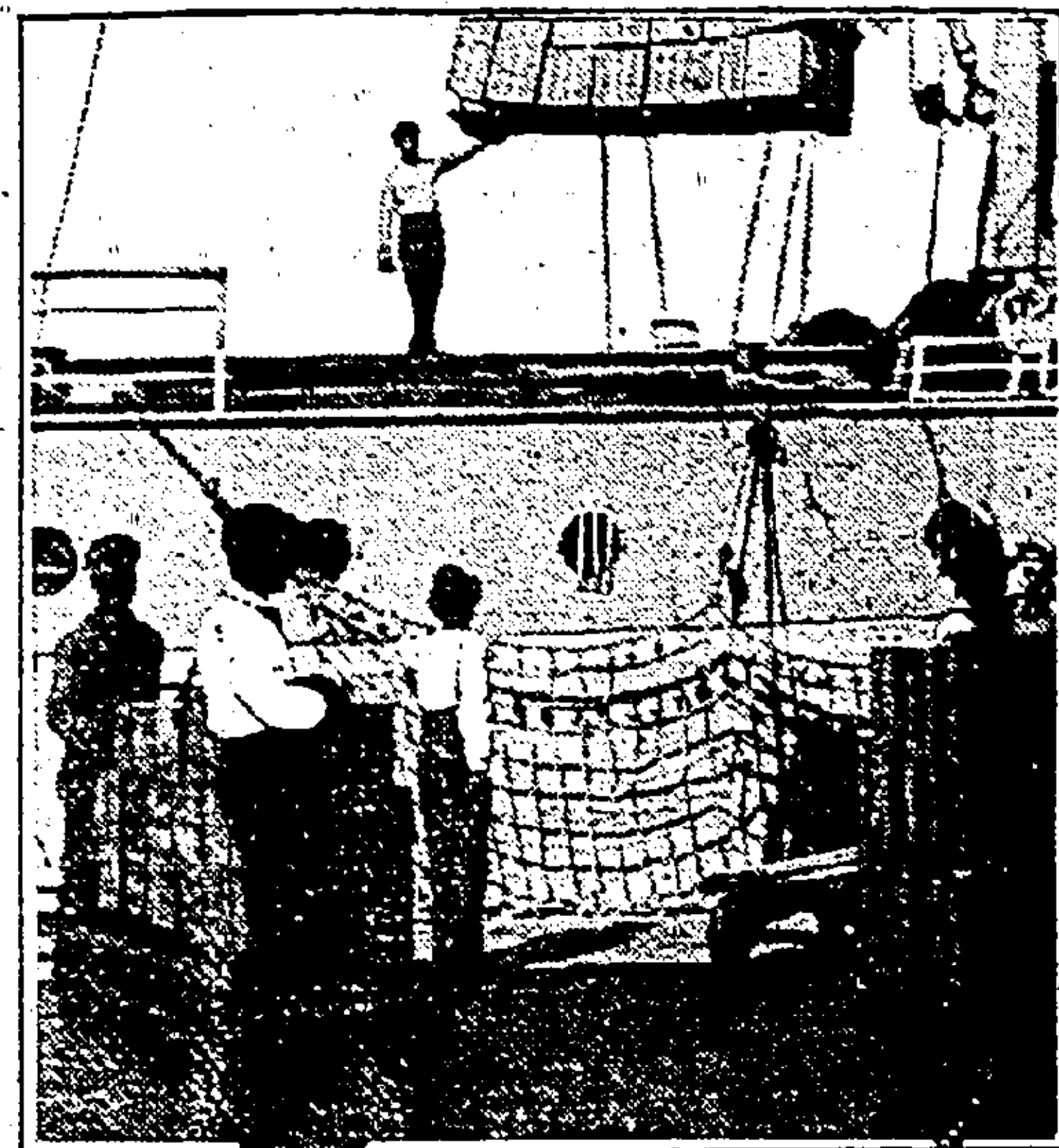
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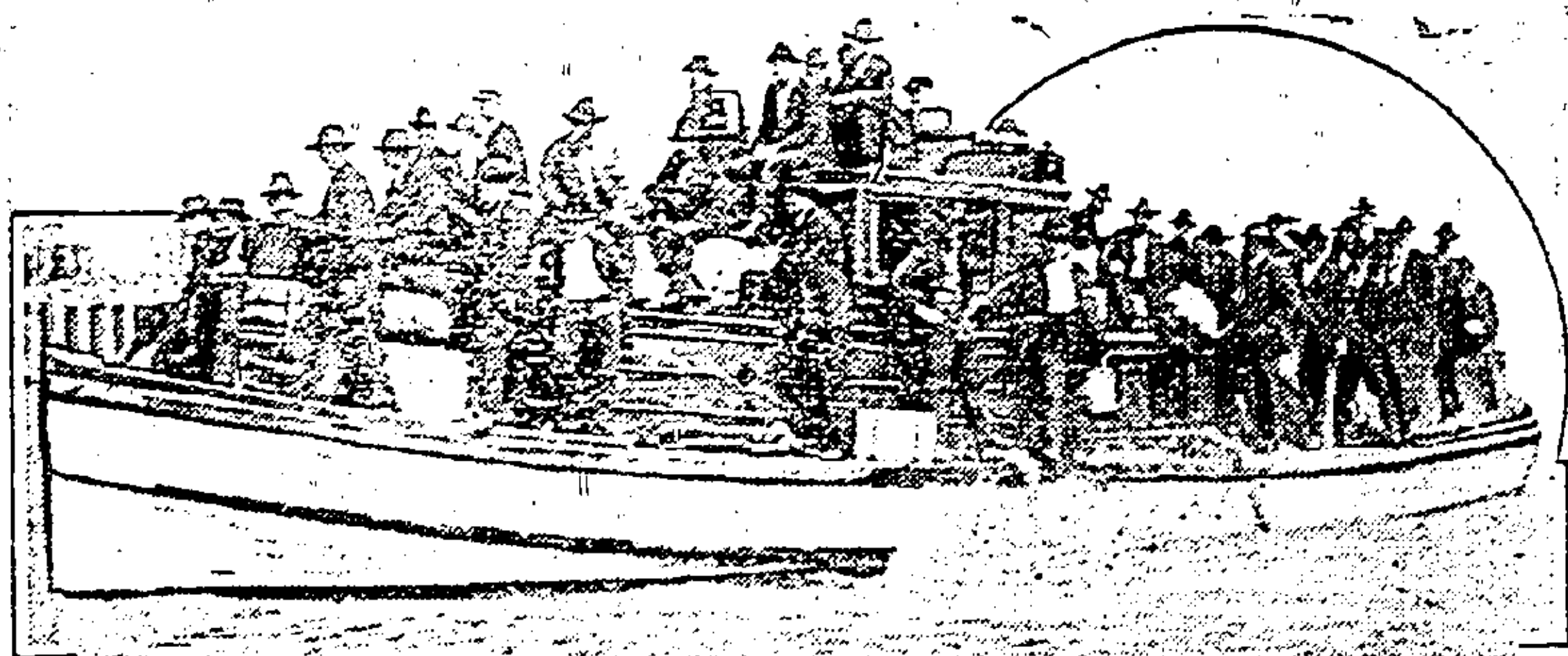
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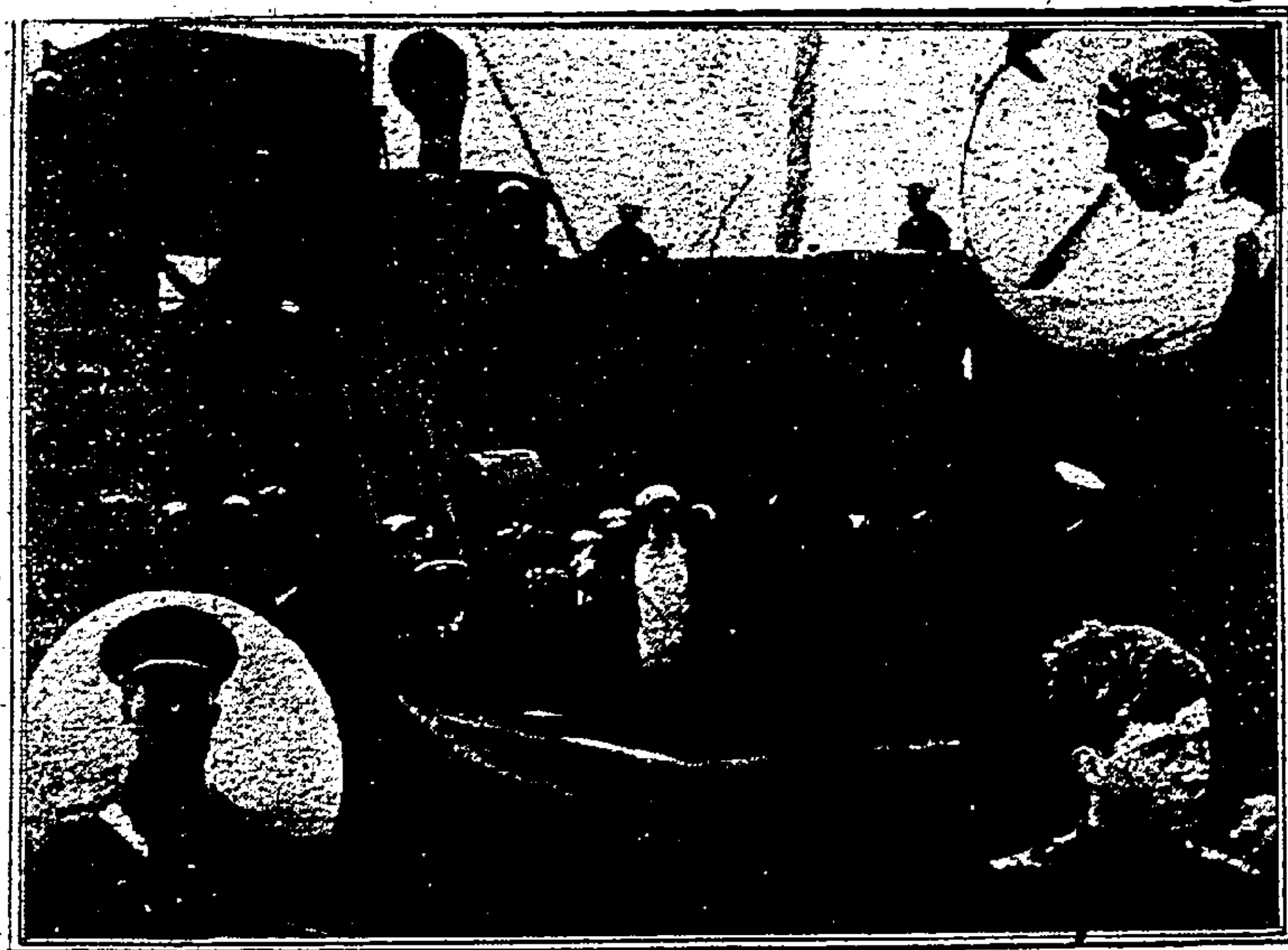
Photo: Underwood and Underwood.  
Aeroplane being used for conveyance of mails during the recent railway strike in England.



Negro strike-breakers handling Orient-bound freight on the San Francisco wharves, following the refusal of the employers to treat with the Longshoremen's Union, "as at present constituted."



Above is seen a launch-load of strike-breakers, recruited in Southern California, arriving on the San Francisco waterfront to assume the roles of amateur stevedores and ship-riggers.



The King and Queen of Belgium and heir to the throne standing on the bridge of the George Washington as she docked at her pier in Hoboken. Insert lower left: King Albert; lower right: Crown Prince and upper right Queen Elizabeth.



A recent picture of Mildred Harris Chaplain, wife of Charlie Chaplain, the famous comedian.

## DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

Tom Hales Himself.

BY ALLMAN.

